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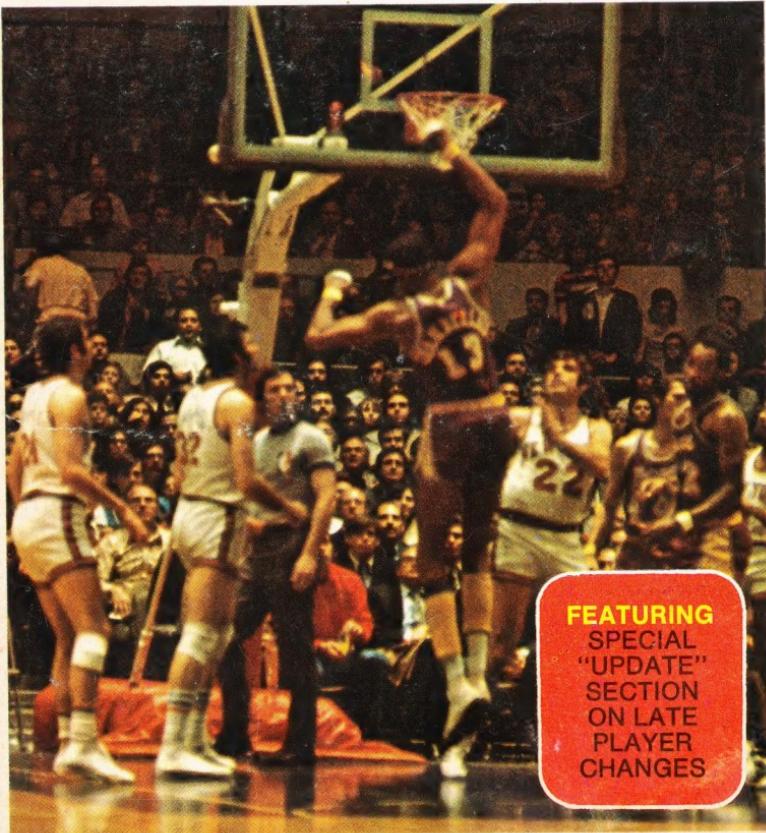
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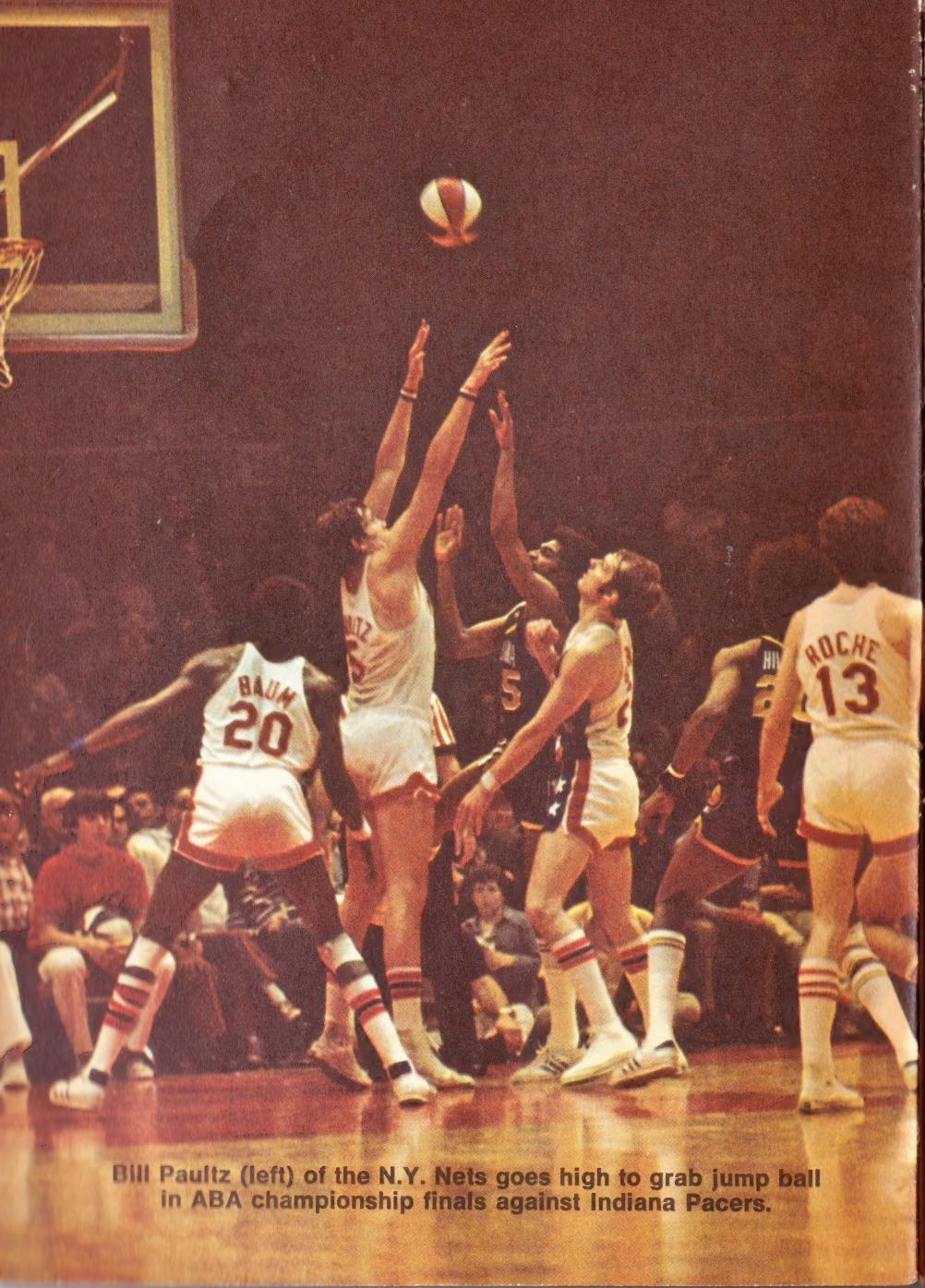
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Bill Paultz (left) of the N.Y. Nets goes high to grab jump ball
in ABA championship finals against Indiana Pacers.

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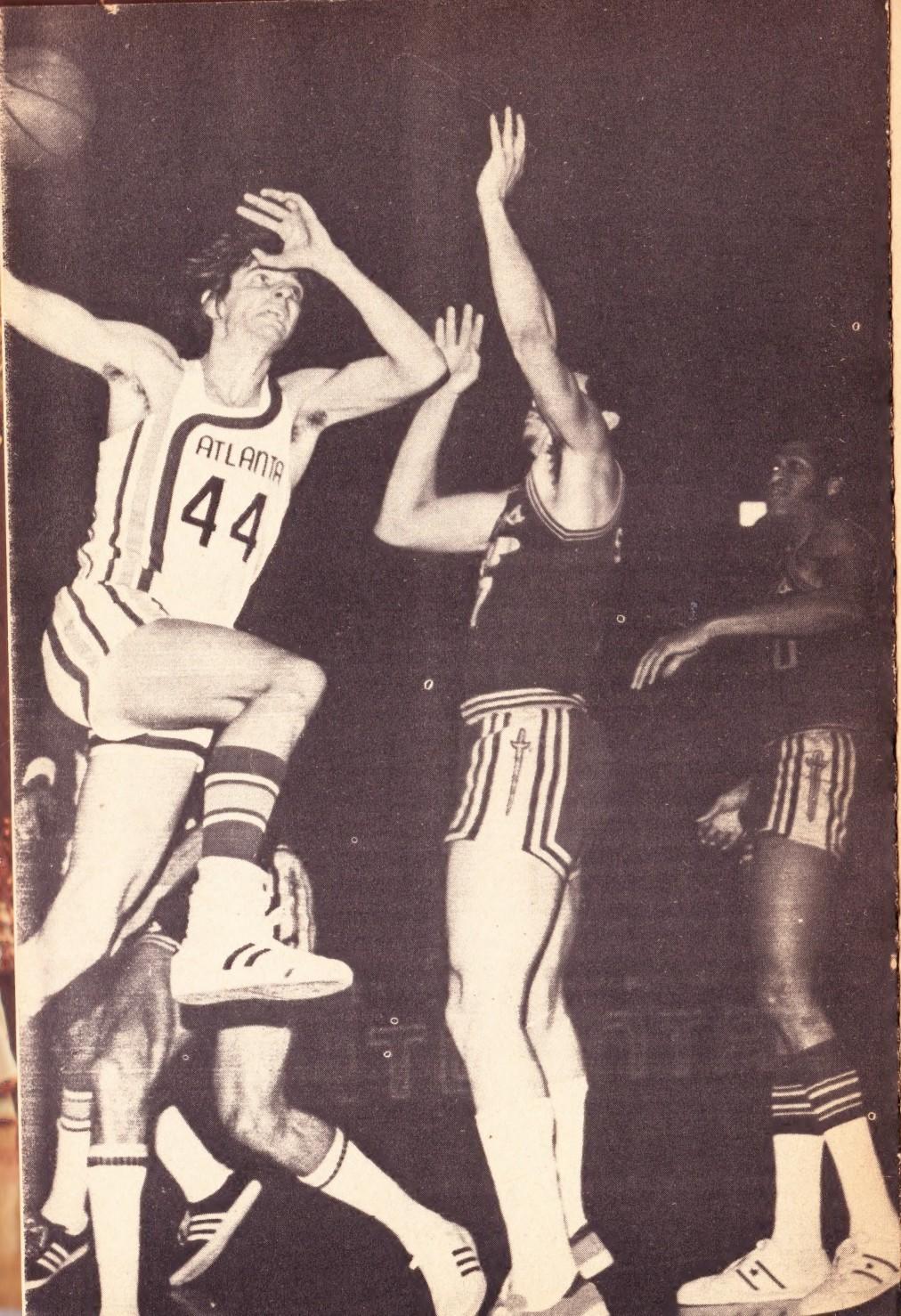
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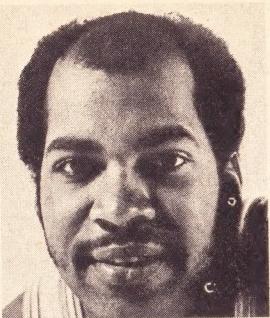


ATLANTA HAWKS

From Tri-Cities to Milwaukee to St. Louis to Atlanta—such has been the flight of the Hawks of the National Basketball Association. Originally formed in 1949, Tri-Cities lasted only two years before the franchise was moved to St. Louis where it became a tremendous success both at the box office and on the court. In the next 13 seasons, with such greats as Bob Pettit, Cliff Hagan, Charley Share and Clyde Lovellette leading the way, St. Louis won five Western Division titles and the 1958 World Championship. Then, on May 3, 1968, the sports world was caught completely by surprise when it was announced that the team was moving to Atlanta. Now, after playing four seasons in tiny Alexander Memorial Coliseum, the Hawks will move into an ultra-modern arena. Atlanta will have a new look, too. Richie Guerin has moved up to General Manager and Cotton Fitzsimmons takes over as coach. There's a good nucleus with Pistol Pete Maravich, Lou Hudson and Walt Bellamy. The team is good enough to make it into the Eastern Division playoffs. And IF they are somehow able to win a legal battle and an inter league dispute with Milwaukee for the rights to Julius Erving, the Hawks could be a potential NBA champion.

Pistol Pete Maravich (44) is Atlanta's drawing card, a free-wheeling star who captivates the fans with his stylish play.

Key Players



DON ADAMS

F, 6-7, 210, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Northwestern

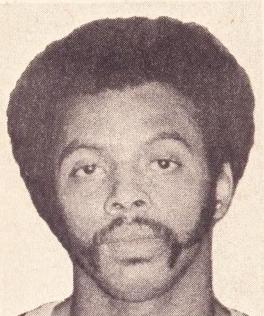
Adams came to the Hawks in a trade from Houston after he refused to play for the Rockets. He wound up as a part-time starter and top reserve and finished the season with an 11.4 average. His .392 field goal percentage was among the lowest in the league. Drafted out of Northwestern in 1970 in the 8th round, Adams has turned out to be a pleasant surprise. He also averaged 11.4 points a game in his rookie year.



WALT BELLAMY

C, 6-11, 245, 12th Yr., Age 33, Indiana

Regarded by many as an in-and-out player, Bellamy will nevertheless achieve some degree of greatness this season when he becomes only the seventh player in NBA history to score more than 20,000 points in a career. His name appears frequently in the "All" list. Bellamy is only one of five players to get over 12,000 rebounds and only four others have played more minutes. He has played with five different teams since being drafted first by Chicago in 1961. Last year, he averaged 18.6 points a game, shooting .545 from the floor.



HERM GILLIAM

G, 6-3, 190, 4th Yr., Age 26, Purdue

Originally slated to be a reserve, Gilliam stepped into the starting lineup during Pete Maravich's absence and played so well that he became a fixture in the backcourt. Playing in all 82 games, Gilliam averaged 10.2 points and was second on the club in assists. He came to the Hawks in 1971 from Buffalo with Don May for Walt Hazzard and Jerry Chambers. Gilliam was an All-American at Purdue and the No. 1 draft choice of Cincinnati in 1969. Buffalo obtained him in the expansion draft.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

DON MAY, F, 6-4, 200, 5th Yr., Age 26, Dayton (7.9)

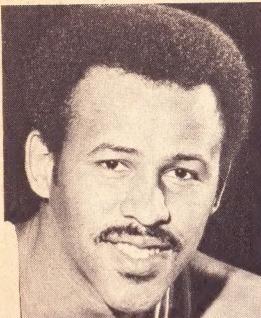
GEORGE TRAPP, F, 6-8½, 215, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Long Beach State (6.6)

JEFF HALLIBURTON, F-G, 6-5, 190, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Drake (4.0)

BOB CHRISTIAN, C, 7-0, 260, 3rd Yr., Age 28, Grambling (3.1)

TOP ROOKIE

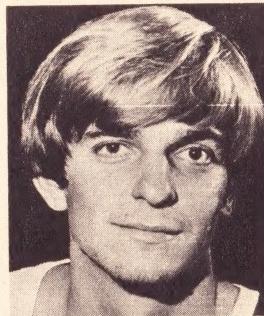
Steve Bracy, a 6-0 guard who was an All-Missouri Valley Conference performer, averaged better than 20 points a game at Tulsa. He'll be used in spot situations by the Hawks.



LOU HUDSON

F-G, 6-5, 220, 7th Yr., Age 28, Minnesota

Once again, Hudson led the Hawks in scoring with a 24.7 average, 11th best in the NBA. A versatile player, he spent the season switching between guard and forward. In 1969, Hudson scored 57 points, tying a club record formerly held by Bob Pettit. He has been named to the All-Star team four consecutive seasons. Hudson was the first draft choice of the Hawks in 1966 after an illustrious career at Minnesota. His playoff scoring average is better than 23 points a game.



PETE MARAVICH

G, 6-5, 195, 3rd Yr., Age 24, LSU

After missing the first six weeks of the season with mononucleosis, Maravich returned to the Hawks lineup and played the remainder of the season at less than top condition. He appeared in 66 regular season games, averaging 19.3 points. In the playoffs, Maravich led the Hawks with a 27.7 average. He joined the Hawks in 1970 after a fabulous career at LSU where he was a three-time scoring champion and Collegiate Player-of-the-Year as a senior. The Pistol is one of the NBA's most colorful players with few peers as passer and ball handler.



JIM WASHINGTON

F, 6-6, 210, 8th Yr., Age 29, Villanova

Acquired from the Philadelphia 76ers for Bill Bridges early last season, Washington became a starting forward, finishing the year with a 12.4 scoring average, adding zip to the Hawks running game in the process. Originally drafted by St. Louis, he went to Chicago in the expansion draft and played three full seasons with the Bulls. He came to Philadelphia before the start of the 1969 season. Washington averaged nine rebounds a game for the Hawks.



LOWELL "COTTON" FITZSIMMONS

COACH

Cotton Fitzsimmons became coach of the Atlanta Hawks during the off-season when Richie Guerin was elevated to the post of General Manager. In two seasons at Phoenix, Fitzsimmons guided the Suns to records of 48-34 and 49-33, yet failed to make the playoffs. Probably the "quietest" of all NBA coaches on the bench, Fitzsimmons had previously coached two years at Kansas State and nine at Moberly (Mo.) Junior College.

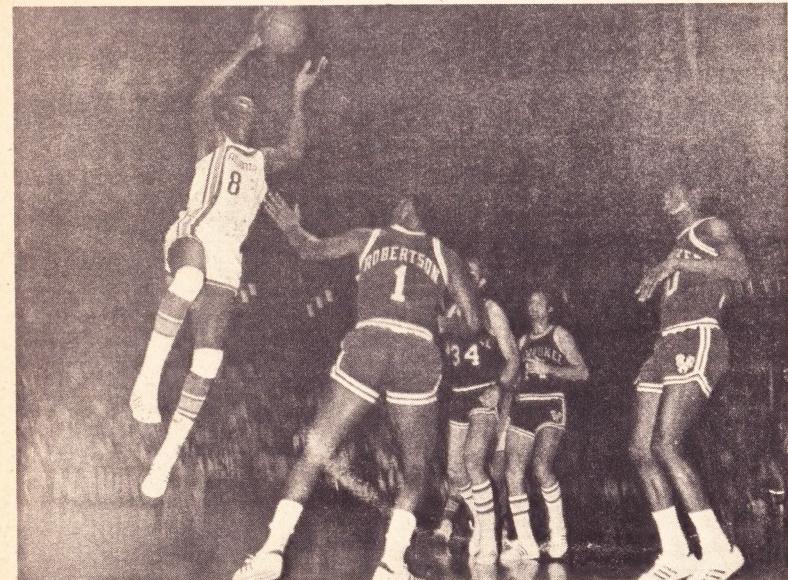
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Tue., Nov. 7	Baltimore	Tue., Oct. 24 At Portland
Fri., Nov. 11	Milwaukee	Wed., Oct. 25 At Seattle
Tue., Nov. 14	Golden State	Sat., Oct. 28 Warriors at Oakland
Sat., Nov. 18	Phoenix	Fri., Nov. 3 At Houston
Thu., Nov. 23	Seattle	Thu., Nov. 9 At New York
Tue., Nov. 28	Chicago	Fri., Nov. 10 At Chicago
Tue., Dec. 5	Portland	Sun., Nov. 19 At Cleveland
Fri., Dec. 8	Baltimore	Tue., Nov. 21 At Detroit
Wed., Dec. 13	New York	Sun., Nov. 26 At Milwaukee
Sat., Dec. 16	Cleveland	Wed., Nov. 26 At Phoenix
Tue., Dec. 19	Kansas City-Omaha	Fri., Dec. 1 At Los Angeles
Sat., Dec. 23	Philadelphia	Sat., Dec. 2 At Portland
Thu., Dec. 28	Baltimore	Sun., Dec. 10 Kansas City at Kansas City
Sat., Dec. 30	Buffalo	Tue., Dec. 12 At New York
Fri., Jan. 5	Boston	Fri., Dec. 22 At Buffalo
Tue., Jan. 9	Houston	Tue., Dec. 26 At Cleveland
Thu., Jan. 11	New York	Wed., Dec. 27 Philadelphia at Pittsburg
Sun., Jan. 14	Los Angeles	Tue., Jan. 2 At Chicago
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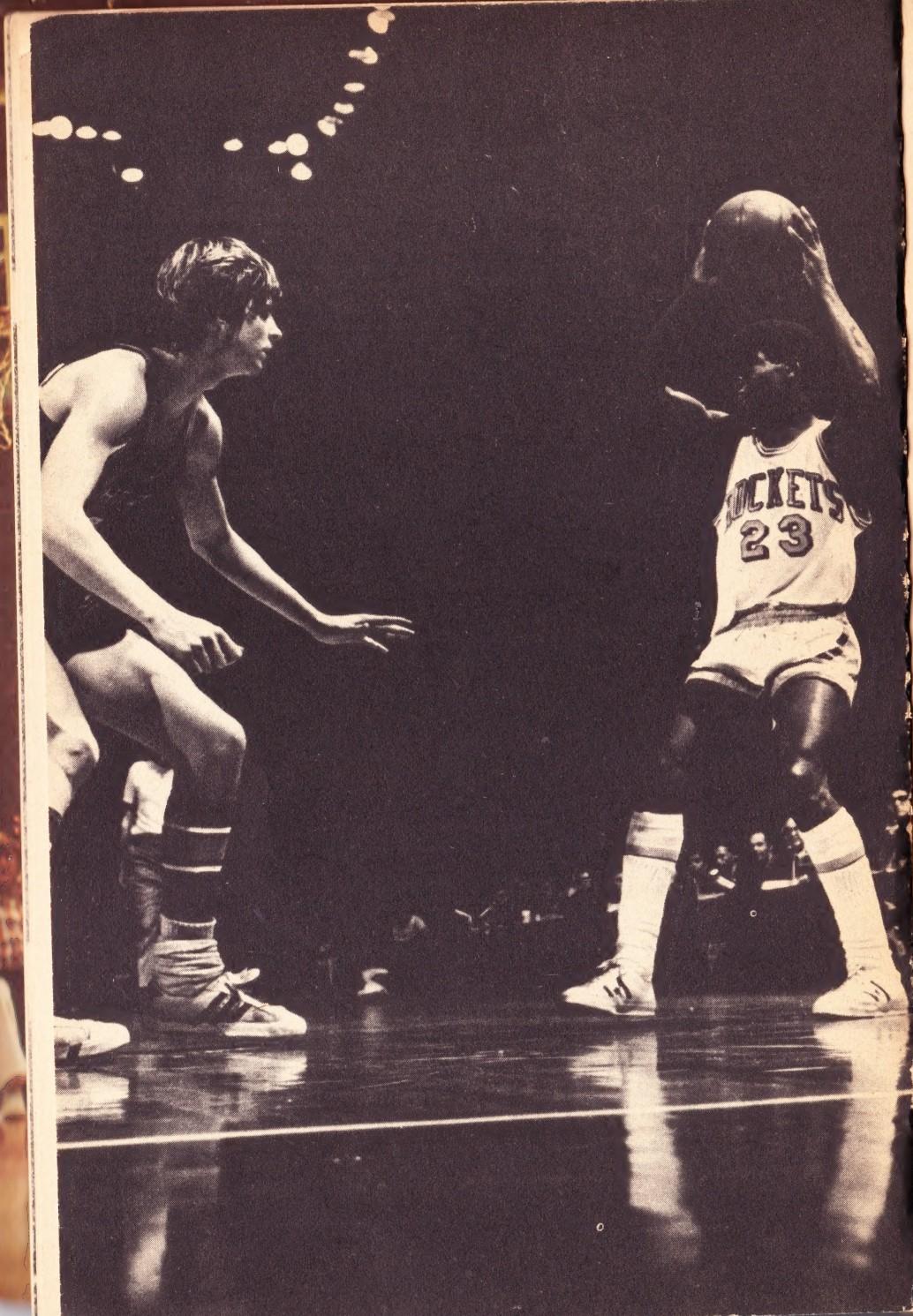
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

ATLANTA	G	Min.	FG		FT		FT		Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
			FG	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.						
Hudson	77	3042	.775	.1540	.503	349	.430	.812	385	309	225	1899	24.7
Maravich	66	2302	.460	.1077	.427	355	.438	.811	256	393	207	1275	19.3
Bellamy	82	3187	.593	.1089	.545	340	.581	.585	1049	262	255	1526	18.6
Washington (Tot.)	84	2961	.393	.885	.444	256	.323	.793	736	146	276	1042	12.4
Washington (Atl.)	67	2416	.325	.729	.446	201	.256	.785	601	121	217	851	12.7
Adams (Tot.)	73	2071	.313	.798	.392	205	.275	.745	502	140	266	831	11.4
Adams (Atl.)	70	2030	.307	.779	.394	204	.273	.747	494	137	259	818	11.7
Gilliam	82	2337	.345	.774	.446	145	.173	.838	335	377	232	835	10.2
Bridges	14	546	.51	.134	.381	31	.44	.705	190	40	50	133	9.5
May	75	1285	.234	.476	.492	126	.164	.768	217	55	133	594	7.9
Williams	10	127	.23	.53	.434	21	.29	.724	4	20	18	67	6.7
Trapp	60	890	.144	.388	.371	105	.139	.755	183	51	144	393	6.6
Valley	9	110	.20	.43	.465	13	.20	.650	11	9	13	53	5.9
Payne	29	227	.45	.103	.437	29	.46	.630	69	15	40	119	4.1
Halliburton	37	288	.61	.133	.459	25	.30	.833	37	20	50	147	4.0
Siegfried (Tot.)	31	558	.43	.123	.350	32	.37	.865	42	72	53	118	3.8
Siegfried (Atl.)	21	335	.25	.77	.325	20	.23	.870	32	52	32	70	3.3
Christian	56	485	.66	.142	.465	44	.61	.721	181	28	77	176	3.1
Davis	11	119	.8	.33	.242	10	.18	.556	36	8	14	26	2.4
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Hawks in Action



Big Walt Bellamy (8) can play dynamic basketball when motivated, as here against the Milwaukee Bucks and Oscar Robertson (1).



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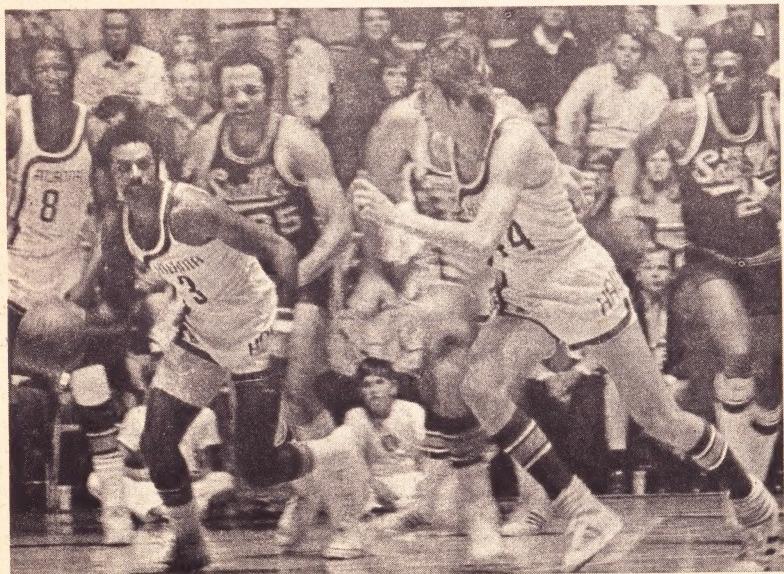
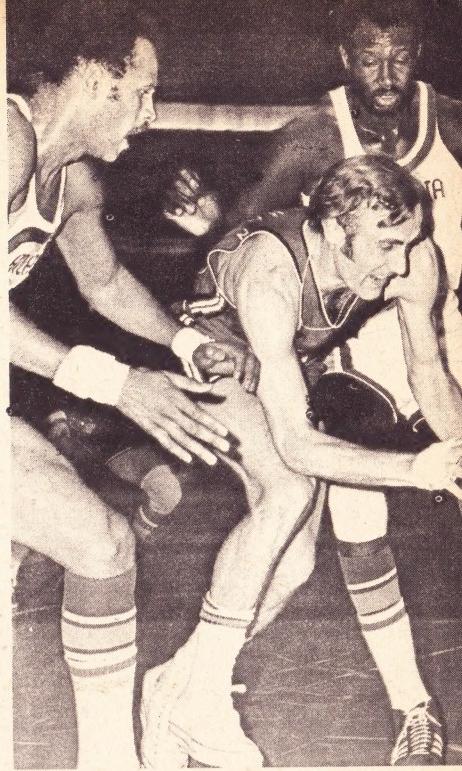
One of the classic match-ups in the NBA: Pete Maravich (left) of Atlanta against explosive little Calvin Murphy of Houston (23).

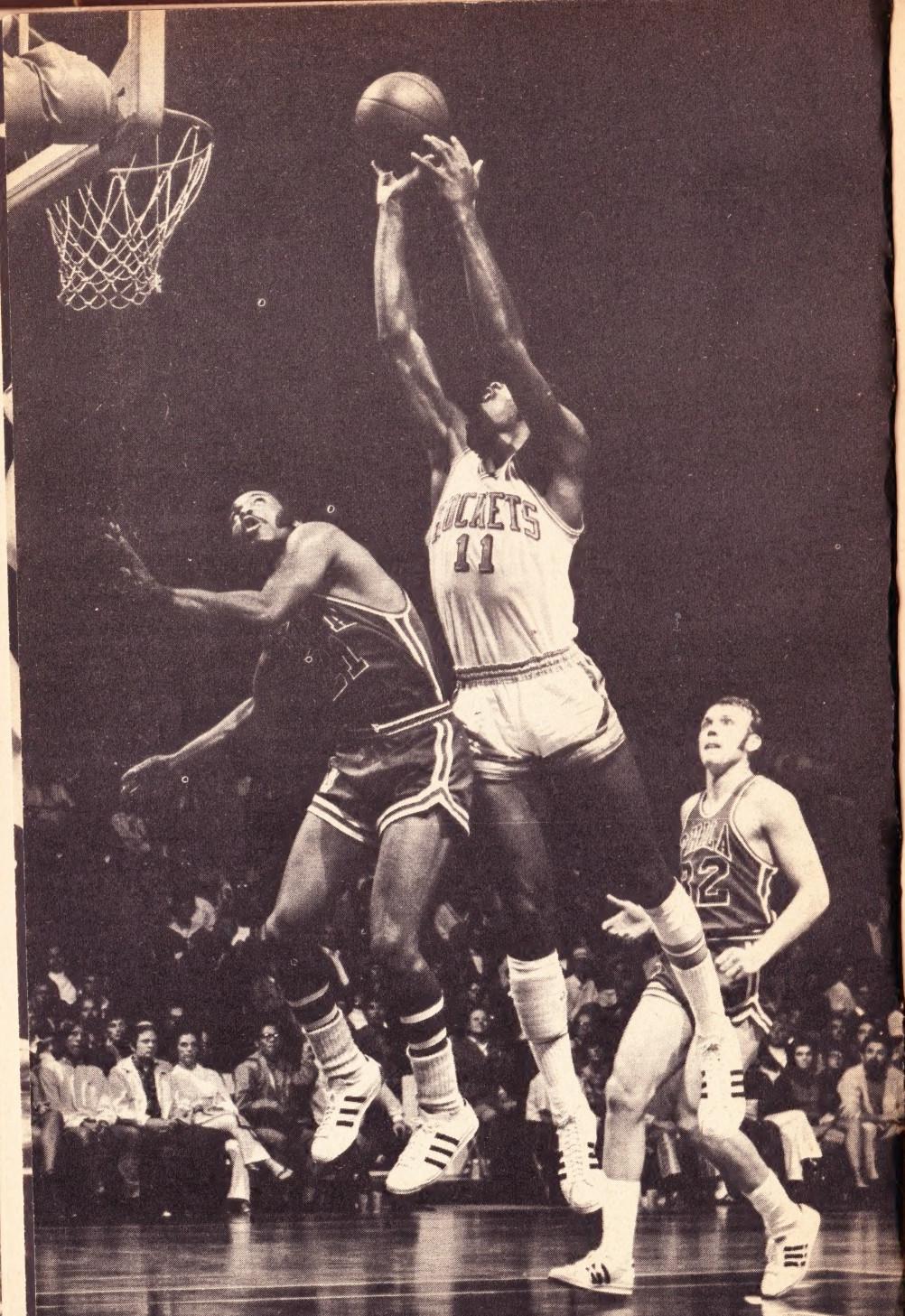
Right:

Lou Hudson (left) and Walt Bellamy (rear) play tight defense as they converge on Portland player. Hudson is a real ballhawk.

Below:

Lou Hudson (23) is a driving player who teams with Maravich to give the Hawks potent scoring.



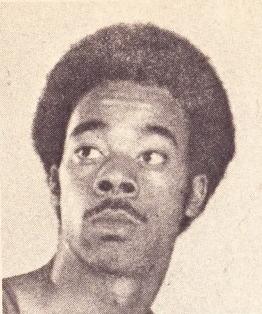


BALTIMORE BULLETS

A failure once as a professional basketball city, Baltimore will again lose its team when the Bullets move to suburban Washington, D.C., at the conclusion of the upcoming season (providing the new arena is ready). The original Bullets joined what is now the NBA in 1947-48 and won the World Championship the first year. From there, the club slid downhill, attendance dwindled and the franchise folded early in 1954-55 season. In 1961, the Chicago Packers/Zephyrs were born through expansion, but the club suffered at the box office and was finally moved to Baltimore in 1963. Owned at one time by three "local" men, Arnie Heft, Earl Foreman and Abe Pollin (only Pollin is involved now), the Bullets struggled until the 1968-69 season when, as the result of good draft selections, the team jumped from last to the Eastern Division regular season championship. The Bullets won the Central Division each of the last two seasons and reached the NBA championship final in 1971. It will be a new-look Bullets team this year with only Wes Unseld remaining from the starting squad of several years ago. Archie Clark was acquired last year and Elvin Hayes joins the club this season after being picked up from Houston in a trade for Jack Marin. Earl Monroe and Gus Johnson are gone, too. Baltimore has the talent to be a contender for the NBA championship, providing Hayes decides to put out and play.

Something new has been added in Baltimore this year—the Big E, Elvin Hayes, shown here (11) as a Houston Rocket last season.

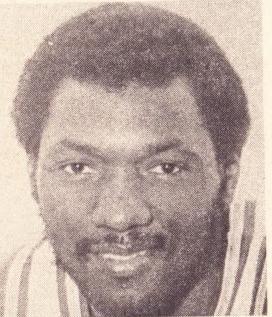
Key Players

**PHIL CHENIER****G, 6-4, 180, 2nd Yr., Age 22, California**

Of all the players taken in the hardship draft two years ago, Phil Chenier was the only one to play a significant role last season. Given the starting job in the backcourt following the trade of Earl Monroe, Chenier averaged 12.3 points a game, but shot only .415 from the floor. In the playoffs, he experienced the pressure and had trouble putting his game together. Prior to his selection in the hardship draft, Chenier was a two-year starter at California, averaging 18 points a game.

**ARCHIE CLARK****G, 6-2, 175, 7th Yr., Age 31, Minnesota**

Clark came to the Bullets from Philadelphia very early last season in exchange for Kevin Loughery and Fred Carter. After sitting out a game over a salary dispute, Clark went on to lead the Bullets in scoring during the regular season with a 25.1 average. He then scored at a 26.7 norm in the playoffs. One of the smoothest guards in the league, Clark was originally drafted by Los Angeles. He came to Philadelphia in 1968 in a trade for Wilt Chamberlain. Clark was named to the NBA All-League second team last season.

**ELVIN HAYES****C, 6-9½, 235, 5th Yr., Age 27, Houston**

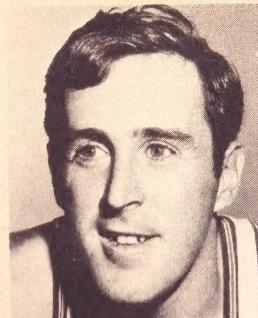
Hayes joins the Bullets after being traded during the off-season from Houston for Jack Marin. One of the superstars in the game, Hayes has never averaged less than 25.2 points a game (1971-72) during his four years as a pro. He was 10th in scoring and seventh in rebounding (14.6) last season. An "iron man", Hayes has yet to miss a game in the pros, playing in 328 straight. He is a four-time participant in the All-Star game. As a collegian he was an All-American and Player-of-the-Year in 1968. He was the first player taken in the 1968 draft.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

STAN LOVE: F, 6-9, 215, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Oregon (7.9)**DAVE STALLWORTH: F, 6-7, 6th Yr., 31, Wichita State (11.4)****TERRY DRISCOLL: F, 6-7, 215, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Boston College (2.7)****RICH RINALDI: F-G, 6-3½, 195, 2nd Yr., Age 23, St. Peter's (2.7)**

TOP ROOKIE

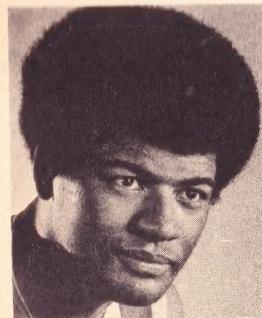
Tommy Patterson gave up his final year of eligibility to join the Baltimore Bullets. The 6-6, 215-pounder was an NAIA All-American at Ouchita Baptist where he averaged 23 points and 13 rebounds a game.

**MIKE RIORDAN****G-F, 6-4, 200, 5th Yr., Age 27, Providence**

Acquired from the New York Knicks along with Dave Stallworth for Earl Monroe, Riordan really came into his own during the playoffs when he averaged 13.8 points against his former teammates. He scored at a 10 point per game rate during the regular season, his best as a pro. Riordan will be used as a swing man this season, possibly starting at one forward. The former Providence standout was originally a No. 12 draft pick. He was a member of the 1970 New York championship team.

**JOHN TRESVANT****F, 6-7, 215, 9th Yr., Age 33, Seattle**

Tresvant is now playing for his sixth NBA team since originally being drafted by the St. Louis Hawks on the fifth round in 1954. As a part time starter and top reserve last year, Tresvant averaged 7.0 points during the regular season and 7.8 during the playoffs. Tres has also played with Detroit, Cincinnati, Seattle and Los Angeles. He led the Bullets in foul disqualification with six, nowhere near the 18 in 1967-68.

**WES UNSELD****C-F, 6-8, 245, 5th Yr., Age 26, Louisville**

After four years performing at center, Unseld will move to the corner where, along with newly acquired Elvin Hayes, he figures to give Baltimore the best rebounding combination in the league. Unseld was second in rebounding in 1971-72 with 17.8 per game and averaged 13 points, coming off an off-season knee operation. He was the No. 1 draft choice of the Bullets in 1968 after earning All-American honors at Louisville. In his first NBA season, Unseld was named the Rookie-of-the-Year and the Most Valuable Player.

**GENE SHUE****COACH**

A former great NBA player, Gene Shue is now the dean of the league's coaches. He took over a failing Baltimore Bullets team early in 1966-67 and, after one season of adjustment, took the Bullets from last place to the Eastern Division regular season championship. After falling to third, the Bullets have won the Central Division crown the last two campaigns, advancing to the NBA finals in 1971. He was coach of the year in 1969. Shue played 10 seasons in the league, averaging 14.4 points a game and made the All-Star team five times.

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Wed., Dec. 6	Portland	Tue., Nov. 28 Houston at San Antonio
Sat., Dec. 9	Kansas City-Omaha	Wed., Nov. 29 Houston at San Antonio
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Sat., Dec. 16	Golden State at College Park	Tue., Dec. 26 At Baltimore
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Sat., Dec. 23	Detroit	Sat., Dec. 30 At New York
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Wed., Jan. 3	Cleveland	Tue., Jan. 9 At Portland
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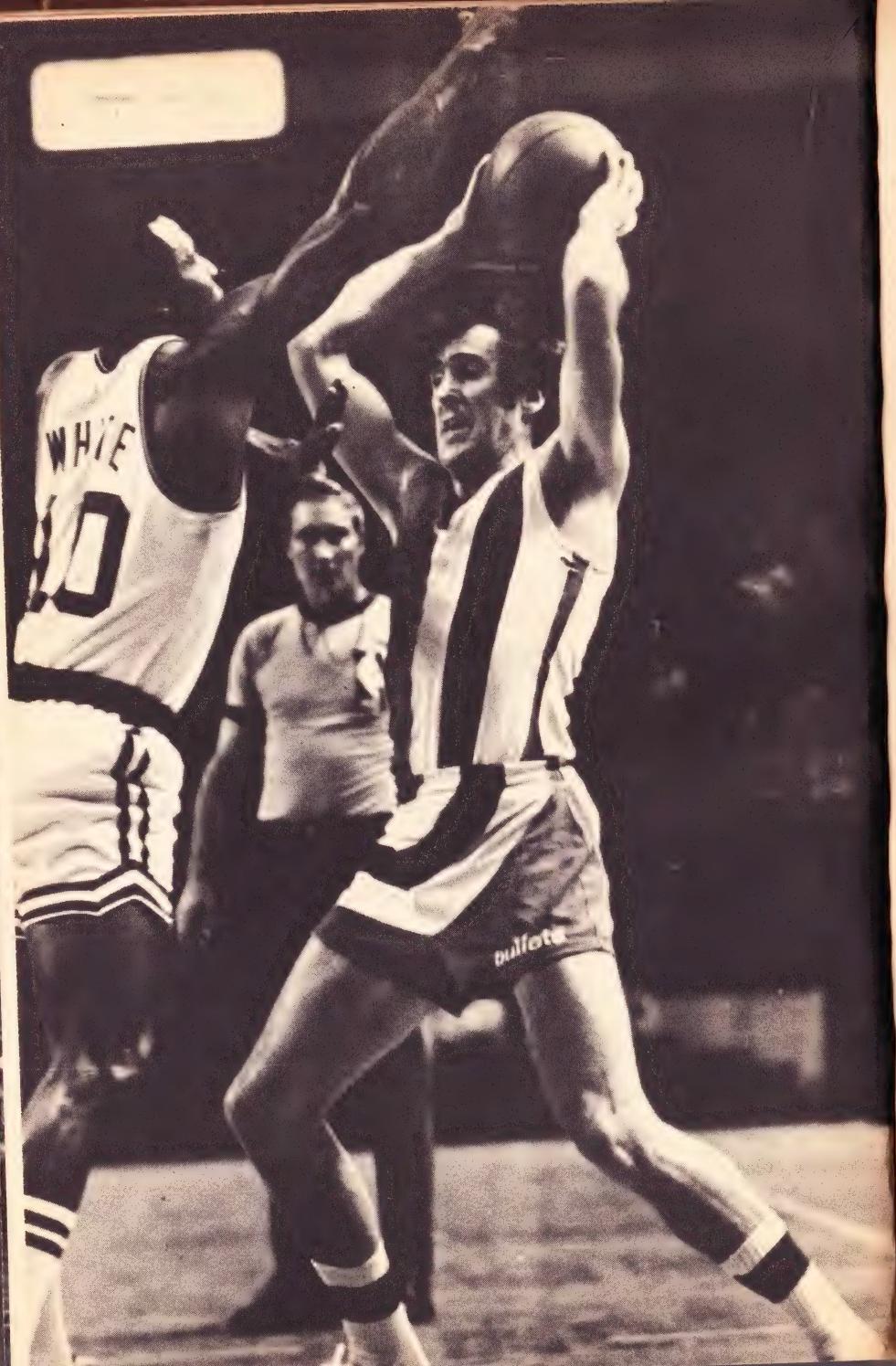
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			FGA	Pct.	FTA	Pct.	Rbnd	Asst	PF	Pts.					
Clark (Tot.)	77	3285	712	.1516	.470	.514	.667	.771	.268	613	194	1938	25.2		
Clark (Balt.)	76	3243	701	.1500	.467	.507	.656	.773	.265	606	191	1909	25.1		
Marin	78	2927	690	.1444	.478	.356	.398	.894	.528	169	240	1736	22.3		
Monroe	3	103	26	.64	.406	13	.18	.722	8	10	9	65	21.7		
Unseld	76	3171	409	.822	.498	.171	.272	.629	.1336	278	218	989	13.0		
Chenier	81	2481	407	.981	.415	.182	.247	.737	.268	205	191	996	12.3		
Stallworth (Tot.)	78	2040	336	.778	.432	.152	.188	.809	.433	158	217	824	10.6		
Stallworth (Balt.)	64	1815	303	.690	.439	.123	.153	.804	.398	133	186	729	11.4		
Riordan (Tot.)	58	1377	233	.499	.467	84	.124	.677	.128	126	129	550	9.5		
Riordan (Balt.)	54	1344	229	.448	.469	84	.123	.683	.127	124	127	542	10.0		
Love	74	1327	242	.536	.451	.103	.140	.736	.338	52	202	587	7.9		
Carter	2	68	6	.27	.222	3	9	.333	19	12	7	15	7.5		
Tresvant	64	1227	162	.360	.450	.121	.148	.818	.323	83	175	445	7.0		
Zeller	28	471	83	.229	.362	22	.35	.629	.65	30	62	188	6.7		
Loughery	2	42	4	.17	.235	5	8	.625	5	8	5	13	6.5		
Johnson	39	668	103	.269	.383	43	.63	.683	.226	51	91	249	6.4		
Driscoll	40	313	40	.104	.385	27	.39	.692	.109	23	53	107	2.7		
Rinaldi	39	159	42	.104	.404	20	.30	.667	18	15	25	104	2.7		
Murrey	51	421	43	.113	.381	24	.39	.615	.126	17	76	110	2.2		

Bullets in Action



Strongman of the Baltimore team is center Wes Unseld (41), a powerful rebounder and accurate shooter. He's tough underneath.



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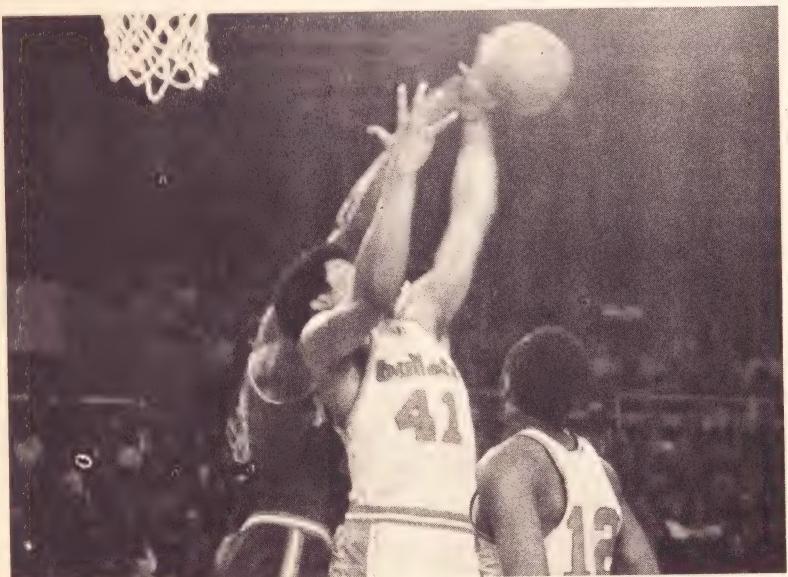
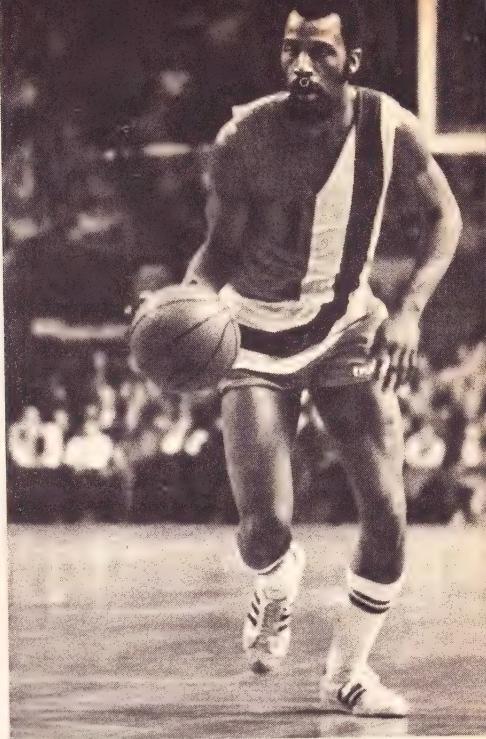
Scrappy Mike Riordan (right) provides Bullets with sound defense and good scoring. Mike is an ex-Knick who came into his own in Baltimore.

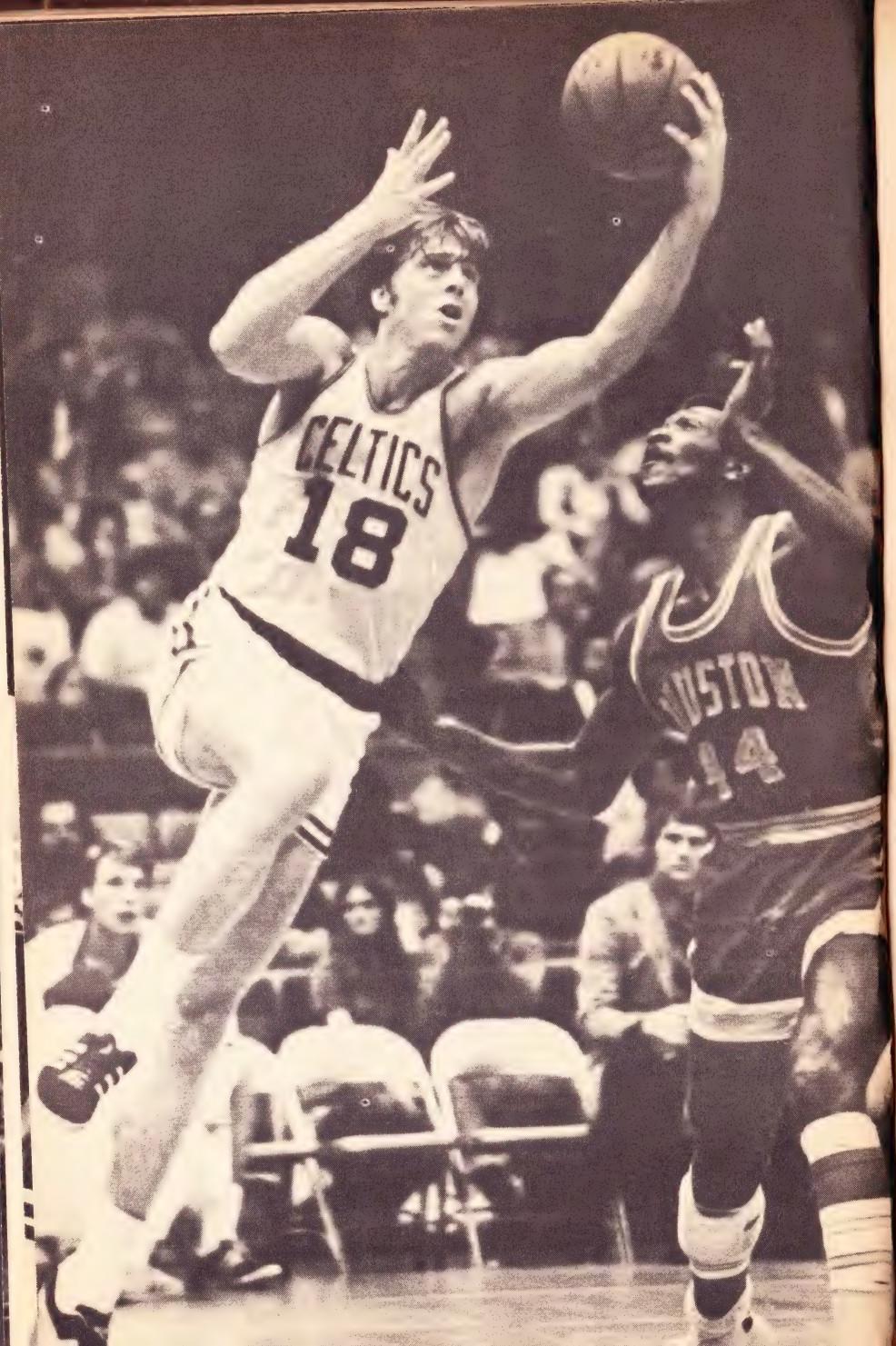
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Archie Clark, one of the greatest small men in the NBA, does it all for the Bullets—scoring, playmaking, defense.

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Center Wes Unseld (41) boxes out and takes a rebound away from the New York Knicks.



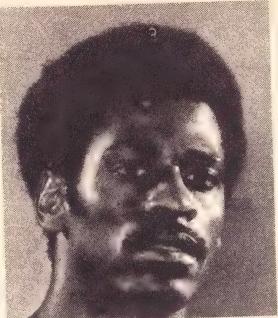


BOSTON CELTICS

The history of the Boston Celtics breaks down very neatly into two somewhat uneven parts: the pre and post Russell era and the "Era of the Man." Not coincidentally, the championship history of the NBA breaks down along exactly the same lines. One of the original franchises, Boston's first move toward respectability came in 1950 when Red Auerbach was named coach and Bob Cousy picked off Chicago's roster. Bill Sharman and Ed McCauley were already there, but the furthest the Celtics were able to advance was the Eastern Division playoff in 1953 and 1955. Then, in the fall of 1956, Tommy Heinsohn came on the scene from Holy Cross, Frank Ramsey got out of the service and 20 games into the season Bill Russell made his first appearance after leading the U.S. to the Gold Medal in the Olympics. The Celtics and the NBA entered a new era. Boston won the world title in 1957, lost it the next year and then ran off eight consecutive crowns. After falling by the wayside in 1967, the Celtics rebounded to win in 1968 and '69. Now there's a new look with Heinsohn as coach, Auerbach as President and GM and a host of new standouts like Jo Jo White and Dave Cowens. Superstar John Havlicek is still around and the team won the Atlantic Division crown last season before falling to New York in the playoffs. Auerbach has done it again. The Celtics are a winner and will battle the Knicks for the division title.

Dave Cowens (18), one of the NBA's brightest young stars, is an agile center who can drive as well as most forwards.

Key Players



DON CHANEY

G, 6-5, 220, 5th Yr., Age 26, Houston
A fulltime starter the past two seasons, Chaney faces a fight for his job this time around. This despite the fact that he is coming off his best pro campaign, averaging 11.9 points during the regular campaign. Chaney has developed into one of the best defensive guards in the NBA, but his outside shooting is still suspect, even though he hit a respectable .475 last year. Chaney was a collegiate standout at Houston and a teammate of Elvin Hayes.



DAVE COWENS

C, 6-9, 230, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Florida State
Cowens has quickly developed into one of the top centers in the league, earning the starting assignment in last season's All-Star game. He averaged 18.8 points and 15.2 rebounds (fifth best in the NBA), showing that his rookie season was no fluke. Cowens improved tremendously in his shooting, but still showed tendencies to get into foul trouble as he was disqualified 10 times. The first round pick of the Celtics in 1970, he won co-Rookie-of-the-Year honors and was the MVP in the Maurice Stokes game.



JOHN HAVLICEK

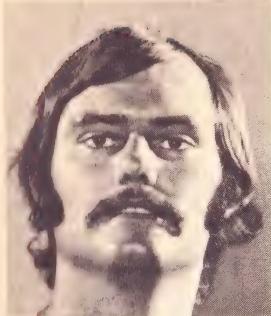
F-G, 6-5, 205, 11th Yr., Age 32, Ohio State
One of the premier players in the NBA, Havlicek will be starting his 11th season of pro play. He has been selected to the All-League first or second team seven times, including the first unit last year when he averaged 27.5 points during the regular season and 27.4 during the playoffs. Havlicek originally made his mark as the best sixth man in the game. Following the retirement of the "old" Celtics, he came to the forefront, averaging at least 20 points a game in each of the last six seasons. The captain was fifth in the league in scoring and assists.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

TOM SANDERS: F, 6-6, 210, 13th Yr., Age 34, NYU (6.6)
ART WILLIAMS: G, 6-1, 190, 6th Yr., Age 33, Cal Poly (5.1)
HANK FINKEL: C, 7-0, 240, 7th Yr., Age 30, Dayton (3.2)
CLARENCE GLOVER: F, 6-8, 210, 2nd Yr., Age 25, Western Kentucky (2.6)

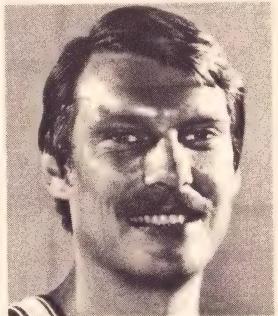
TOP ROOKIE

Paul Westphal, a 6-4 guard from Southern California, joins the Celtics after missing most of last season as the result of a knee injury. He was Boston's No. 1 draft pick and Red Auerbach isn't wrong too often.



STEVE KUBERSKI

F, 6-8, 215, 4th Yr., Age 25, Bradley
A member of the Celtics' youth corps, Kuberski is being counted on to start at forward after serving several seasons as a part-time starter and top reserve. Last year he averaged 6.3 points during the regular campaign and 11.6 in the playoffs. He was drafted out of Bradley even though he still had one year of eligibility remaining. Kuberski is rugged on the boards, plays a good defensive game and will be a well rounded player once he improves his shooting from the field.



DON NELSON

F, 6-6, 210, 11th Yr., Age 32, Iowa
Nelson has become one of the great bargains in NBA history. Picked up from the Los Angeles Lakers on waivers in 1965, he has since established himself as a super sub and is the current "iron man" of the NBA. Nelson has not missed a regular season game since the 1966-67 season, playing in 425 consecutive contests. Last year was one of Nelson's best as he averaged 13.8 points a game, shooting .484 from the floor. He was originally drafted by Chicago after earning All-America honors at Iowa.



JO JO WHITE

G, 6-3, 190, 4th Yr., Age 26, Kansas
The latest in a line of great Boston backcourt stars, White is coming off his best season as a 'pro', averaging 23.1 points a game and earning the starting job for the East in the mid-year All-Star contest. He was Boston's top draft choice in 1969, but missed pre-season camp and 20 games due to military duty. White was an All-American at Kansas and one of the stars of the Cinderella 1968 American basketball team which won an Olympic Gold Medal.



TOMMY HEINSOHN

COACH

A former Celtics star player, Tommy Heinsohn took over as coach in the summer of 1969 following the surprise retirement of Bill Russell. In three seasons, he has taken Boston from 34-48 to 44-38 and finally 56-26 in 1971-72, when it won the regular season Atlantic Division title. Heinsohn played nine years for Boston and averaged 18.6 points a game, while scoring 12,194 career points. Four times he was named to the All-NBA second team. Known as "Ack Ack" and "Gunner" because of his shooting ability, he retired in 1965.

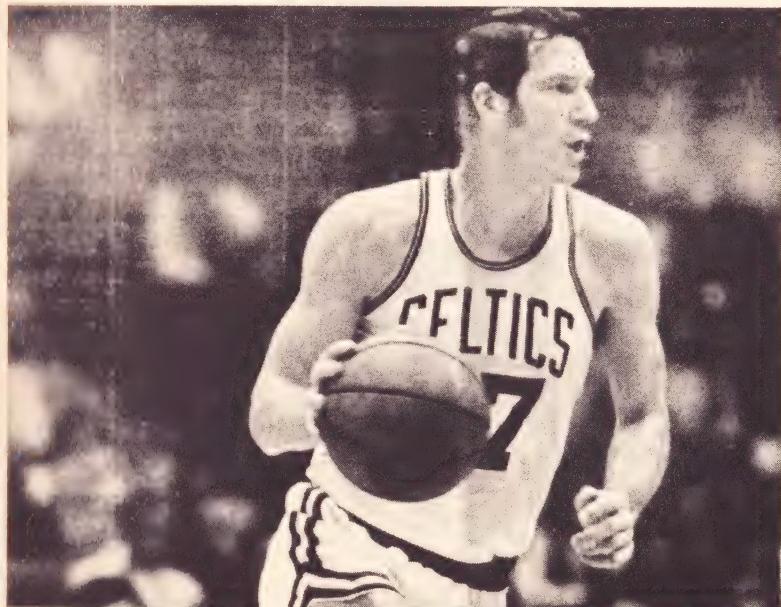
1972-1973 SCHEDULE

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Mon., Oct. 23	Philadelphia	Tue., Oct. 17 At Atlanta
Fri., Oct. 27	Cleveland	Sat., Oct. 21 At Baltimore
Fri., Nov. 3	Baltimore	Tue., Oct. 24 At Buffalo
Sat., Nov. 4	Kansas City-Omaha	Fri., Nov. 10 At Buffalo
Wed., Nov. 8	Golden State	Tue., Nov. 21 At Milwaukee
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Tue., Dec. 26	New York	Fri., Dec. 22 Kansas City at Kansas City
Fri., Dec. 29	Chicago	Sat., Dec. 23 At Milwaukee
Sat., Dec. 30	Philadelphia at Providence	Tue., Jan. 2 At Houston
Wed., Jan. 10	Houston	Wed., Jan. 3 At Houston
Fri., Jan. 12	Atlanta	Fri., Jan. 5 At Atlanta
Wed., Jan. 17	Portland	Sun., Jan. 7 Baltimore at College Park
Fri., Jan. 19	Seattle	Sat., Jan. 13 At Philadelphia
Sun., Jan. 21	Buffalo	Tue., Jan. 16 At Buffalo
Fri., Jan. 26	Houston	Sat., Jan. 27 At New York
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1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

BOSTON	G	Min.	FG		FT		FT		Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
			FG Pct.	FTA	FT Pct.	Rbnd							
Havlicek	82	3698	.897	1957	.458	458	.549	.834	672	614	183	2252	27.5
White	79	3261	.770	1788	.431	285	.343	.831	446	416	227	1825	23.1
Cowens	79	3186	.657	1357	.484	175	.243	.720	1203	245	314	1489	18.8
Nelson	82	2086	.389	811	.480	356	.452	.788	453	192	220	1134	13.8
Chaney	79	2275	.373	786	.475	197	.255	.773	395	202	295	943	11.9
Sanders	82	1631	.215	524	.410	111	.136	.816	353	98	257	541	6.6
Kuberski	71	1128	.185	444	.417	80	.102	.784	320	46	130	450	6.3
Williams	81	1326	.161	339	.475	90	.119	.756	256	327	204	412	5.1
Finkel	78	736	.103	254	.406	43	.074	.581	251	61	118	249	3.2
Glover	25	119	.025	55	.455	15	.032	.469	46	4	26	65	2.6
Smith	26	134	.028	66	.424	6	.031	.194	37	8	22	62	2.4
Morgan	28	150	.016	50	.320	23	.031	.742	30	17	34	55	2.0

Celtics in Action



The guy who makes the Celtics go—tireless John Havlicek (17), a perennial All-Pro forward and top scorer.



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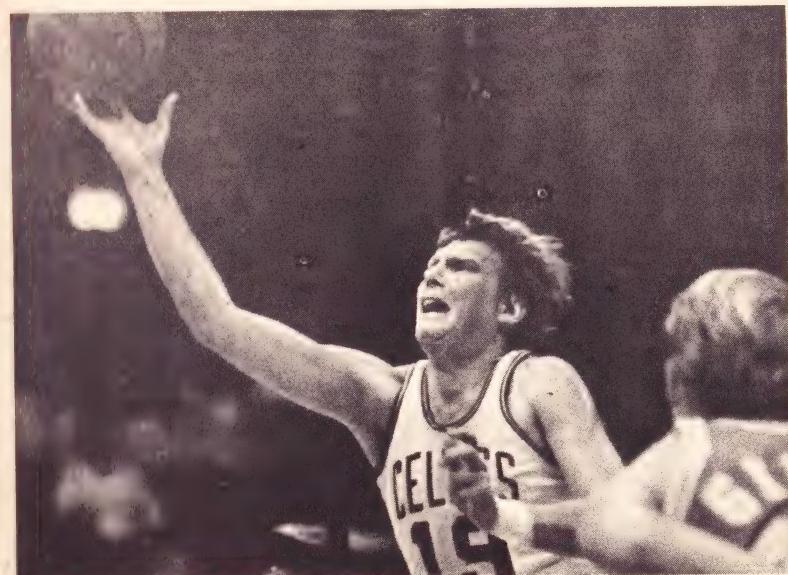
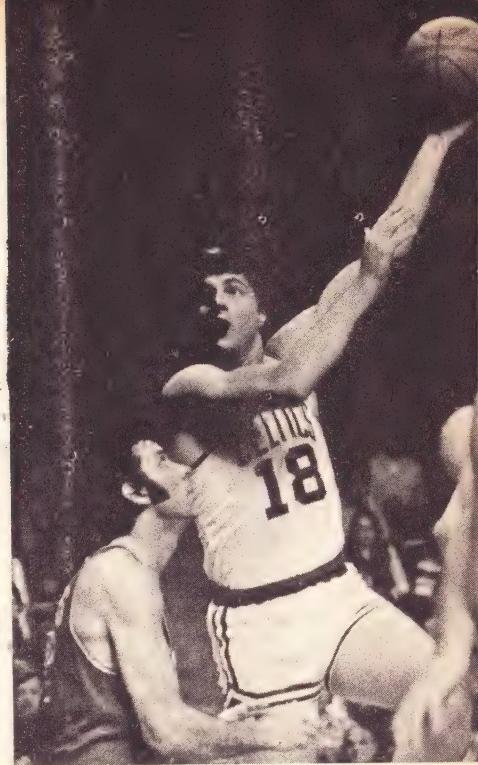
Jo Jo White (10) has blossomed into one of the league's top playmakers and scorers.

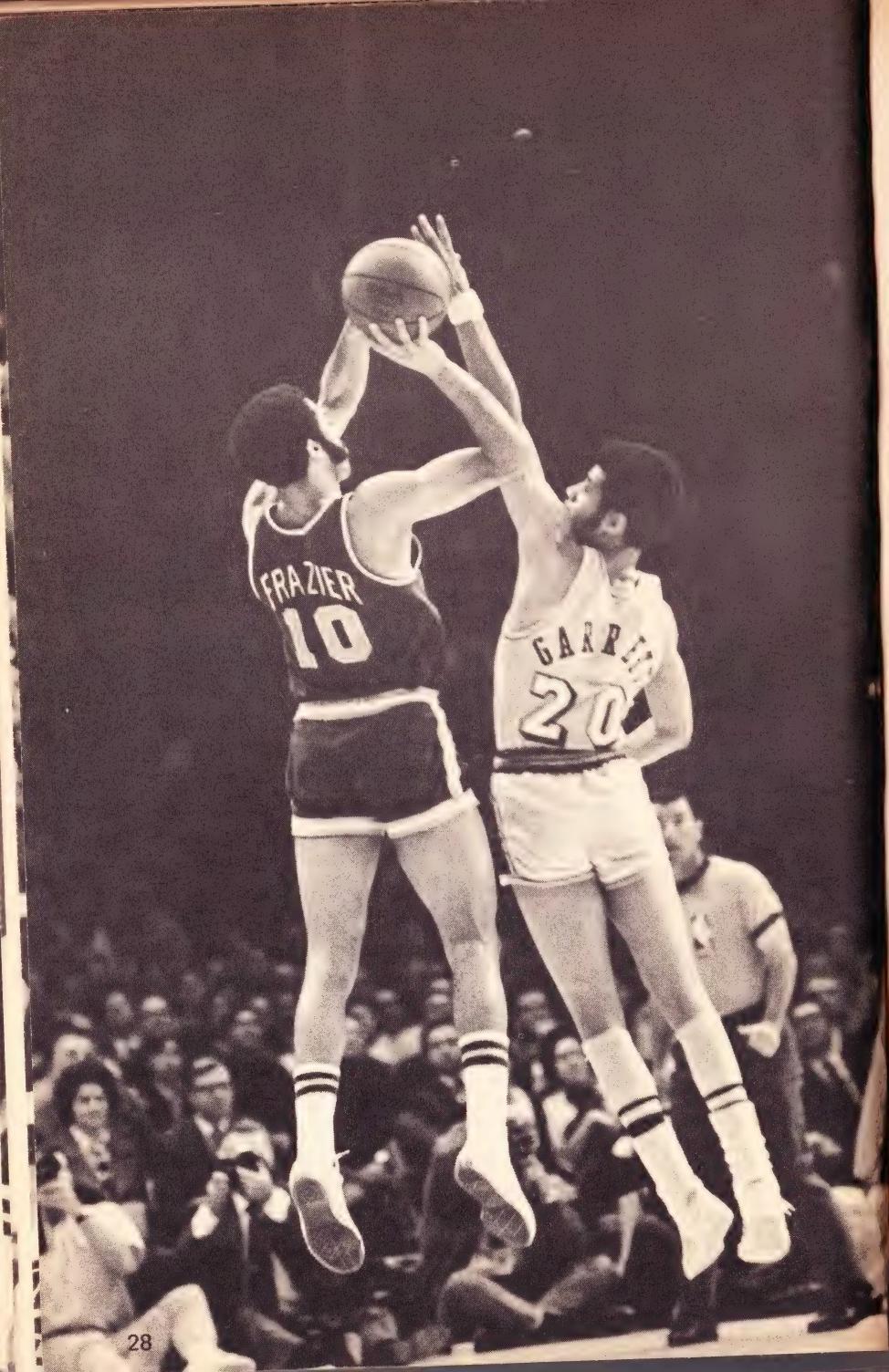
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Dave Cowens (18) goes high to hook in two points over Jerry Lucas of the Knicks.

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Known as "super sub," Don Nelson (19) gives the Celtics strength and savvy as No. 6 man in the lineup.





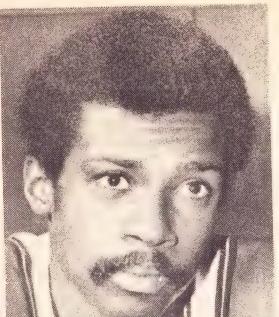
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BUFFALO BRAVES

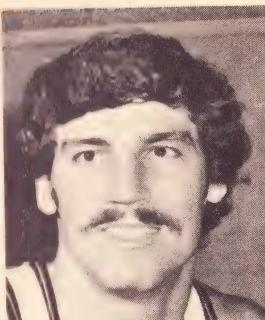
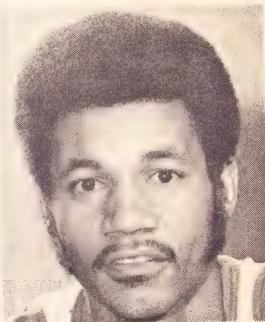
The Buffalo Braves were a product of the 1970 National Basketball Association expansion which also brought Portland and Cleveland into the league. Before ever playing a game, the Braves were beset by financial problems and it wasn't until October 1970, when Paul Snyder purchased the team, that it gained stability. Buffalo's best move of its early history was the signing of Eddie Donovan as General Manager. Donovan was the man responsible for building the New York Knicks into a championship team. He is on his way toward doing the same in Buffalo. Last year, the Braves top pick was Elmore Smith, regarded as a potential superstar. This past May, Buffalo took Robert McAdoo, North Carolina's All-American forward. The nucleus has been established. Snyder has failed to show patience needed to build expansion team and this could be a detriment to the Braves future. Dolph Schayes was fired after coaching only one game last season and his successor, John McCarthy got the boot at season's end. The new boss is Jack Ramsey, formerly the coach of the Philadelphia 76ers. Buffalo plays in the Memorial Auditorium and had several overflowing crowds of more than 17,000 last season. The Braves figure to be the most improved team in the league.

Buffalo's bright young star Dick Garrett (20) goes high to block shot by Walt Frazier of the Knicks.

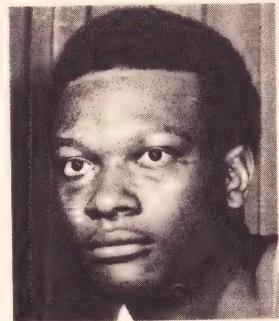
Key Players

**MIKE DAVIS****G, 6-3, 185, 4th Yr., Age 26, Virginia Union**

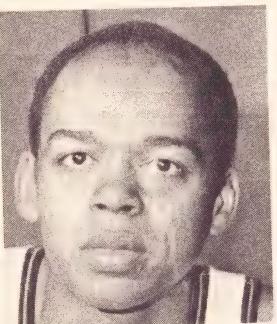
Davis had the honor of being the first player the Braves acquired following the establishment of the franchise. He was swapped by Baltimore before the expansion draft. A small-college All-American at Virginia Union, Davis averaged 12 points a game with the Bullets his first season and was named to the All-Rookie team. Known as the "Mini Pearl" Davis scored at a 11.4 and 9.1 norm in his two seasons with the Braves. He has never shot well from the outside during his pro career.

**BOB KAUFFMAN****F, 6-8, 240, 5th Yr., Age 26, Guilford**

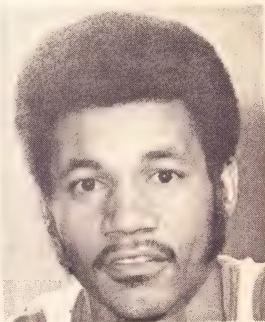
Kauffman, who came to Buffalo in a trade with the Philadelphia 76ers, has been the Braves leading scorer each of the last two seasons. Last year, he averaged 18.9 points a game, shooting .497 from the floor. Kauffman also grabbed better than 10 rebounds a contest. He was originally the top draft choice of Seattle in 1968 after an All-American career at Guilford. The big forward has represented Buffalo in the All-Star game each of the last two seasons.

**DICK GARRETT****G, 6-3, 185, 4th Yr., Age 25, Southern Illinois**

The first player selected by Buffalo in the 1970 expansion draft, Garrett has averaged 13 points and 10.8 points, respectively, in his first two seasons with the Braves. He was originally the Los Angeles Lakers top draft choice out of Southern Illinois and was named to the All-NBA rookie team. Garrett played in the same backcourt in college with Walt Frazier of the New York Knicks. Garrett was the team captain his first year with Buffalo.

**WALT HAZZARD****G, 6-3, 190, 9th Yr., Age 30, UCLA**

The veteran of the Braves, Hazzard was acquired before the beginning of last season to stabilize the backcourt and hound the younger guards. He led Buffalo in assists and averaged 15.8 points, third best on the club. Hazzard was the top choice of the Los Angeles Lakers in 1964 after an outstanding career at UCLA. He also represented the U.S. in its Gold Medal winning effort in the 1964 Olympic Games. During his pro career, Hazzard has racked up more than 3,000 assists.

**ELMORE SMITH****C, 7-0, 245, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Kentucky State**

The top draft pick of the Braves in 1971, Smith had an outstanding rookie season, averaging 17.3 points and 15.2 rebounds a game, the latter tied for fifth best in the NBA. For his accomplishments, he was the top vote getter on the All-Rookie team. Smith, who passed up his final year of eligibility at Kentucky State to sign a contract estimated at \$2 million, had two minor operations on his knee during the off-season. He has the potential to be a superstar.

**RANDY SMITH****G-F, 6-3, 190, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Buffalo State**

The Braves 7th round draft choice last season out of Buffalo State, Smith was one of the pleasant surprises in the league. He played in 76 games, averaging 13.4 points a game and was the fourth leading rebounder on the club. Smith scored over 1,000 points as a rookie, and shot a respectable .482 from the floor. He needs work on his defense to become a well-rounded NBA player.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

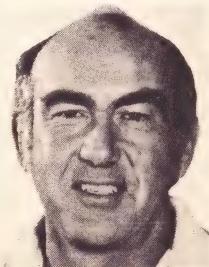
FRED HILTON: G, 6-3, 185, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Grambling (11.6)**CORNELL WARNER: F, 6-9, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Jackson State (6.2)****JOHN HUMMER: F, 6-9, 230, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Princeton (5.2)****BILL HOSKET: F, 6-7½, 230, 5th Yr., Age 26, Ohio State (5.0)**

TOP ROOKIE

Bob McAdoo, a 6-9 forward from North Carolina, figures to be a strong candidate for rookie of the year honors. McAdoo gave up his final year of play and was taken in the first round by Buffalo.

**JACK RAMSAY
COACH**

Jack Ramsay, who formerly coached the Philadelphia 76ers and guided them to three playoff berths in four seasons, has taken over the reigns of the Buffalo Braves. He becomes the team's third coach in three seasons, following in the footsteps of Dolph Schayes and John McCarthy. Ramsay was an extremely successful college coach at St. Joseph's. In 11 seasons his Hawks were 234-72, winning or sharing seven Philadelphia Big Five championships and playing in 10 post season tournaments.



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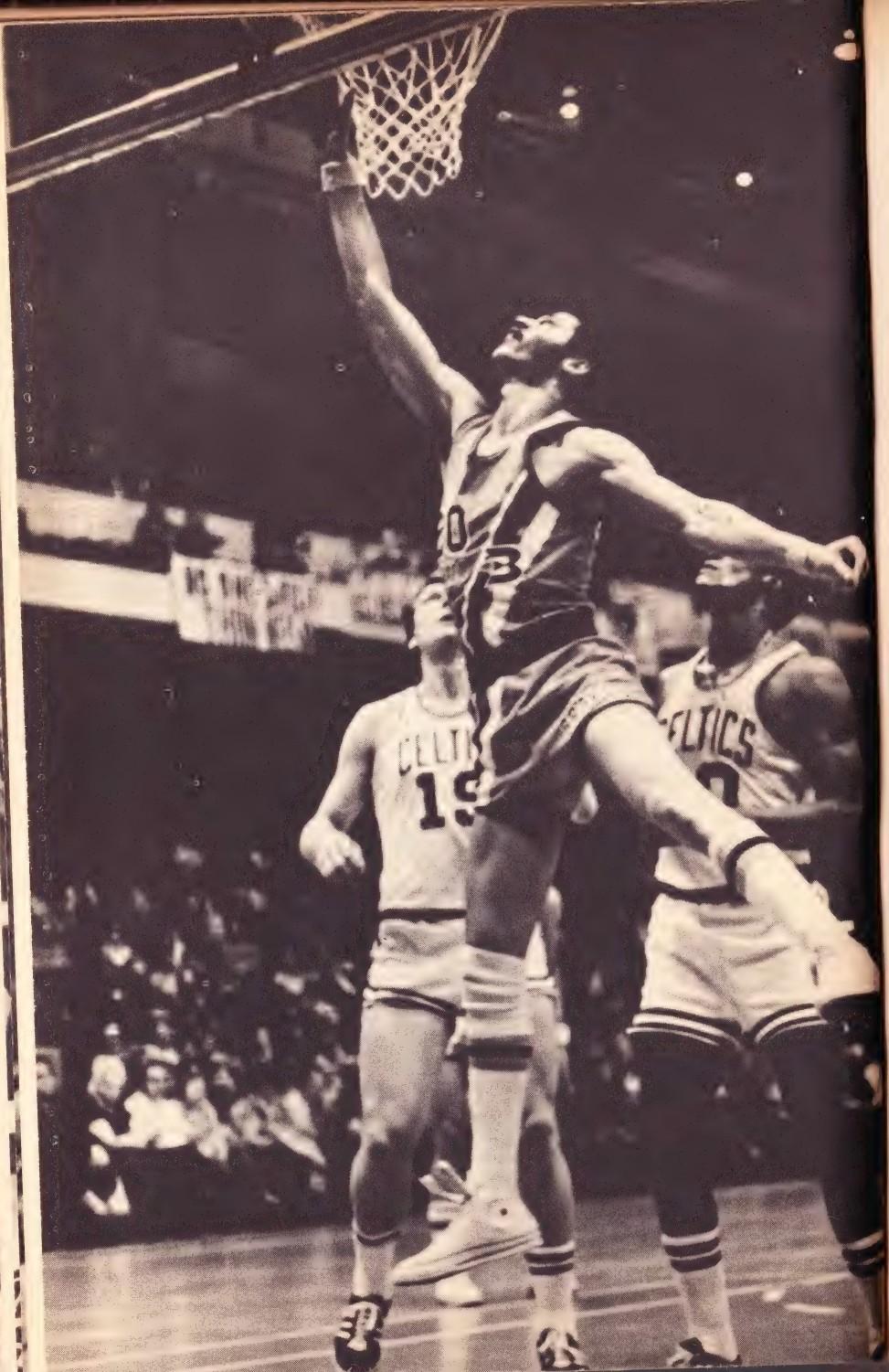
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

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Kauffman	77	3205	.558	1123	.497	341	.429	.795	787	297	273	1457	18.9
I. Smith	78	3186	.579	1275	.454	194	.363	.534	1184	111	306	1352	17.3
Hazzard	72	2389	.450	998	.451	237	.303	.782	213	406	230	1137	15.8
R. Smith	76	2094	.432	896	.482	158	.254	.622	368	189	202	1022	13.4
Hilton	61	1349	.309	795	.389	90	.122	.738	156	116	145	708	11.6
Garrett	73	1905	.325	735	.442	136	.157	.866	225	165	225	786	10.8
Devis	62	1068	.213	501	.425	138	.180	.767	120	82	141	564	9.1
Chambers	26	369	.78	180	.433	22	.32	.688	67	23	39	178	6.8
Warner	62	1239	.162	366	.443	58	.78	.744	379	54	125	382	6.2
Hummer	55	1186	.113	290	.390	58	.124	.468	229	72	178	284	5.2
Bryant	54	1223	.101	220	.459	75	.125	.600	127	206	167	277	5.1
Hosket	44	592	.89	181	.492	42	.52	.808	123	38	79	220	5.0

Braves in Action



Veteran backcourt star Walt Hazzard (42) always poses a problem for the opposition.



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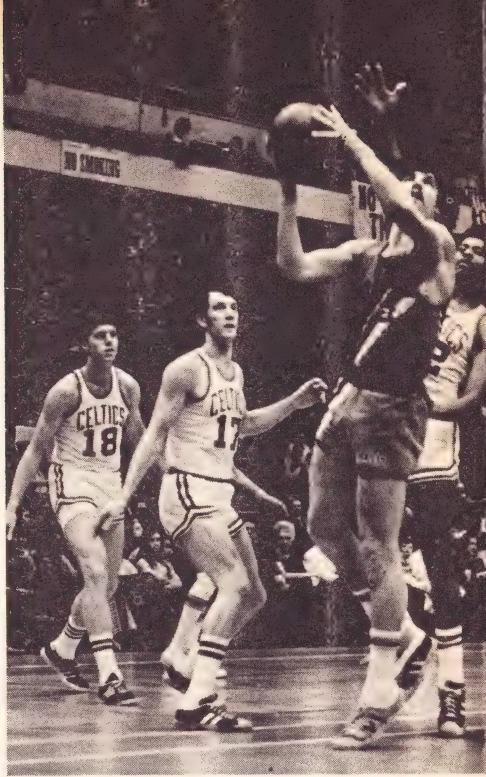
Dick Garrett (20) penetrates Boston defense to score two points on this driving lay-up.

Right:

Sharp-shooting Bob Kauffman (4) outmaneuvers three Celtics to grab this rebound.

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Mike Davis (13) is a hard-driving play-maker who gives Braves good balance in the backcourt.





CHICAGO BULLS

Once considered the "graveyard of pro basketball" Chicago has now become a booming franchise and one of the best in the NBA. Two people—general manager Pat Williams and coach Dick Motta—have been the primary reasons for the success. Two years ago, the Bulls went over 500 for the first time in their history and finished second in the Midwest Division behind the then World Champion Milwaukee Bucks. Last year, Chicago was 57-25, recording the third best overall record in the league. The promotions of genius Williams were no longer needed—the fans came to see the team. Prior to the success of the Bulls, pro basketball had been a two-time loser in Chicago. The Stags, led by Max Zaslofsky, were one of the original teams in the league that eventually became the NBA. The club only lasted four years, despite winning one division championship and reaching the playoffs every season. Chicago was granted an expansion franchise in 1961 and stayed two years before being moved to Baltimore. The third chance came in 1966 when the present Bulls were established. Motta has developed this team into a cohesive unit which plays strong defense—holding the opposition under 100 points 27 times last year. This is one of the very best teams in basketball and a threat to go all the way.

Chicago's prolific point-making is led by sharpshooting Bob Love (10), a leaping, driving All-Pro selection.

Key Players



TOM BOERWINKLE

C, 7-0, 270, 5th Yr., Age 27, Tennessee

Boerwinkle hopes to rebound from a disappointing season which saw his scoring, rebounding and playing time all decrease. The No. 1 draft choice of the Bulls in 1968 after gaining All-Southeastern Conference honors at Tennessee, Boerwinkle averaged 7.0 points and 11.1 rebounds a contest, shooting .438 from the floor compared to 10.8 points, 13.8 rebounds and a .485 shooting percentage the year before. He is used a lot in the Bulls offense to set picks and is extremely effective because of his bulk.



NORM VAN LIER

G, 6-1, 175, 4th Yr., Age 24, St. Francis (Pa.)

Van Lier, acquired from Cincinnati for Matt Guokas, proved to be a real plus for the Bulls. In addition to averaging 12.1 points a game, he averaged better than seven assists, tops on the club. A graduate of St. Francis (Pa.), Van Lier was originally drafted by Chicago but traded to the Royals the day before the start of the 1969 season. Two years ago, he led the NBA in assists with 832 and an average of 10.1 a game. Van Lier is the penetrating guard the Bulls have needed.



BOB LOVE

F, 6-8, 215, 7th Yr., Age 29, Southern

It's a real "Love Story" in Chicago for the former Southern University standout. Since coming to the Bulls in a trade with Milwaukee in 1969, Love has firmly established himself as one of the premier forwards in the NBA. Last year he averaged 25.8 points a game (fifth best in the league) and was selected for the All-NBA second team. Known as "Butterbean," Love originally was drafted by the Cincinnati Royals. He led the Bulls in playing time and was the top scorer in the playoffs with an 18.8 average.



JERRY SLOAN

G, 6-5, 200, 8th Yr., Age 30, Evansville

The only remaining member of the Chicago Bulls, Sloan was selected from Baltimore in the 1966 expansion draft. After a couple of years gaining needed experience, Sloan has developed into a top flight NBA guard. He excels on defense, but has also scored in double figures each of his seasons with the Bulls, including 16.2 points per game last year. Sloan, the captain of Chicago, has been selected to the league All-Star game two times and has a career average of nearly 15 points a game.

CHET WALKER

F, 6-7, 220, 11th Yr., Age 32, Bradley

One of the reasons for the resurgence of basketball in Chicago was the acquisition of Walker from Philly three years ago. Each of the last three seasons, he has ranked second in team scoring to Bob Love. For the second consecutive year, Walker averaged 22 points a game, which is his career high. One of the best one-on-one players in the league, Walker was originally drafted by Syracuse in 1962. Only once (as a rookie) has he failed to score more than 1,000 points in a season. This year, he will surpass the 15,000 mark.



BOB WEISS

G, 6-3, 185, 8th Yr., Age 30, Penn State

Given a chance to play with Chicago, Weiss has developed into a good NBA guard. The former Penn State standout, who has also been the property of Philadelphia, Seattle and Milwaukee, came to the Chicago Bulls in 1968. He has been used as both a starter and the top backcourt player off the bench. Last season was one of Weiss' best as he averaged 11.3 points a game. One of the top free throw shooters in the NBA (.835), Weiss still experiences problems from the floor (.430).



DICK MOTTA

COACH

In the four years since taking over the coaching chores of the Chicago Bulls, Dick Motta has turned the team into one of the best in the NBA. In each of the last two seasons, the Bulls have won more than 50 games, including 57 in 1971-72. Two years ago, Motta was selected as the NBA's Coach-of-the-Year. He came to Chicago after a highly successful career at Weber State where his teams won six Big Sky Conference titles and recorded a 12-year mark of 237-64.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

CLIFF RAY: C, 6-9, 235, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Oklahoma (7.0)

HOWARD PORTER: F, 6-8, 220, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Villanova (6.0)

KENNEDY McINTOSH: F, 6-7, 225, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Eastern Michigan (3.1)

DORRIE MURREY: F, 6-8, 220, 7th Yr., Age 29, Detroit (2.2)

TOP ROOKIE

Ted Martiniuk averaged better than 20 points a game as a senior for St. Peter's. An excellent outside shooter, he's expected to add depth to the Bulls backcourt. Martiniuk was an All-East selection.

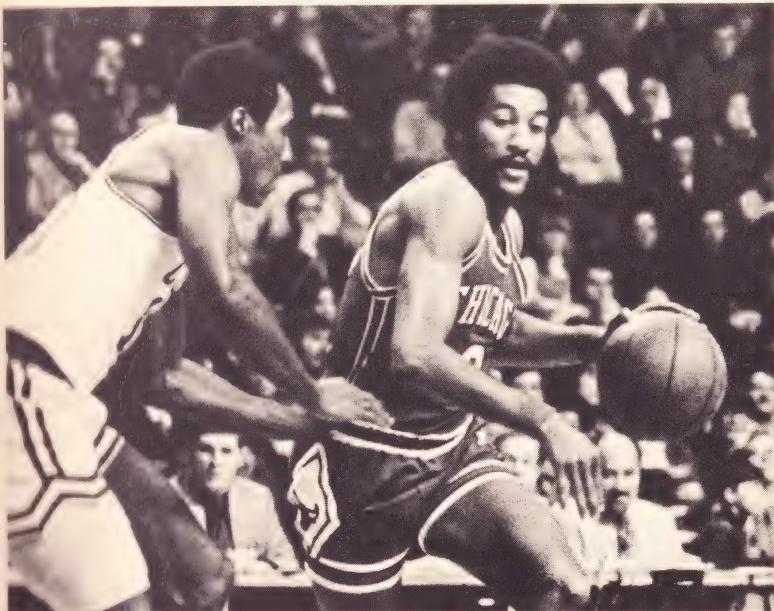
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Tue., Mar. 13	Seattle	Sat., Mar. 10 Baltimore at College Park
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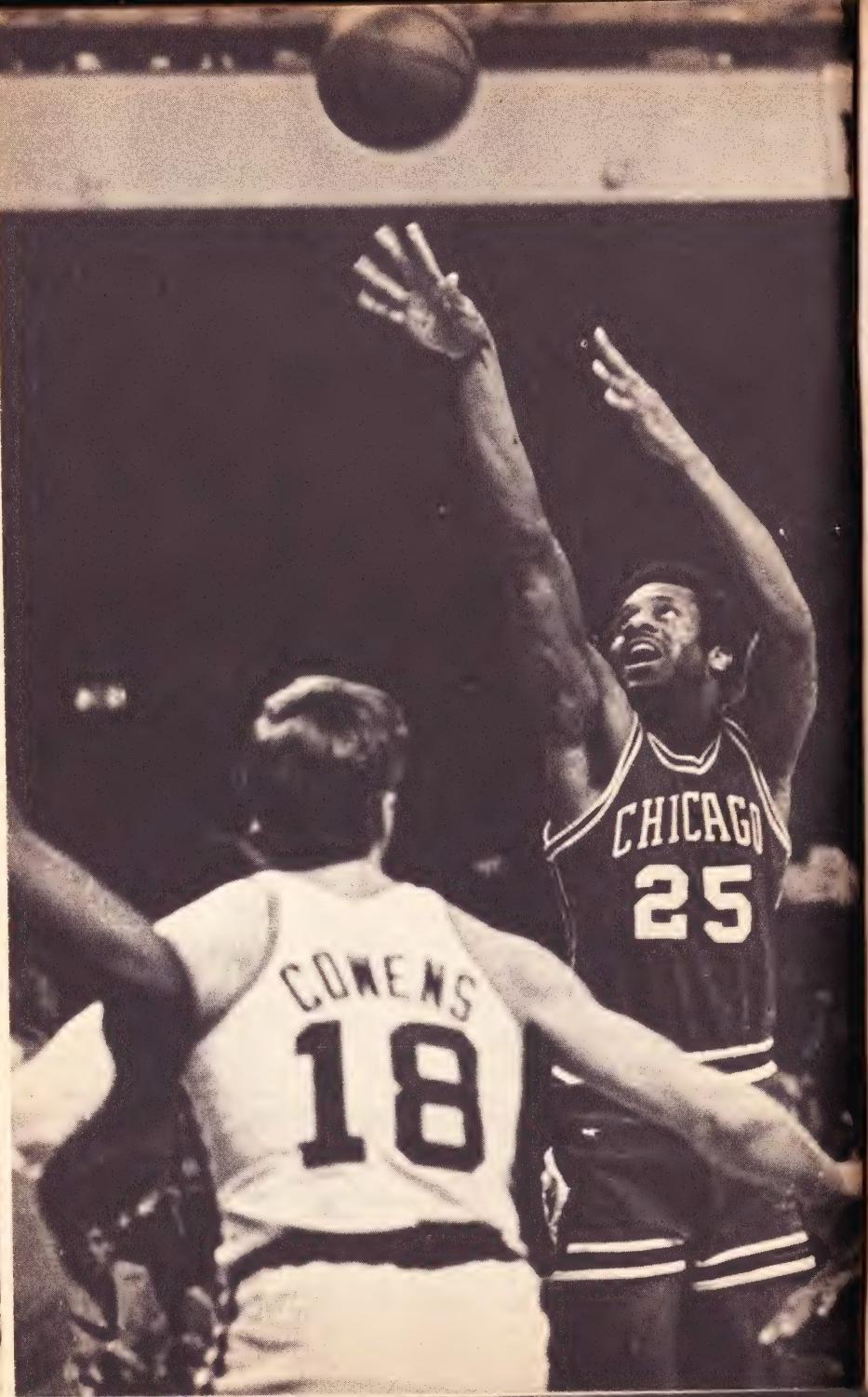
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

CHICAGO	G	Min.	FG			FT			Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
			FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.					
Love	79	3108	819	1854	.442	399	509	.784	518	125	235	2037	25.8
Walker	78	2588	619	1225	.505	481	568	.847	473	178	171	1719	22.0
Shan	82	3035	535	1206	.444	258	391	.660	691	211	309	1328	16.2
Van Lier (Tot.)	79	2415	334	761	.439	237	300	.790	357	542	239	905	11.5
Van Lier (Chi.)	69	2140	306	671	.456	220	278	.791	299	491	207	832	12.1
Weiss	82	2450	358	832	.430	212	254	.835	170	377	212	928	11.3
Ray	82	1872	222	445	.499	134	218	.615	869	254	296	578	7.0
Hoerwinkle	80	2022	219	500	.438	118	180	.656	897	281	253	556	7.0
Porter	67	730	171	403	.424	59	77	.766	183	24	88	401	6.0
Fox	10	133	20	53	.377	20	28	.714	54	6	21	60	6.0
King	73	1014	162	356	.455	89	113	.788	81	101	103	413	5.7
Collins	19	134	26	71	.366	10	11	.909	12	10	11	62	3.3
Pauk	7	60	8	28	.286	7	9	.778	15	4	7	23	3.3
McIntosh	43	405	57	168	.339	21	44	.477	89	18	41	135	3.1
Dinkins	18	89	17	41	.415	11	20	.550	20	7	10	45	2.5

Bulls in Action



Norm Van Lier (23) has added strength and speed to Bulls' backcourt since coming from Cincy in a trade.



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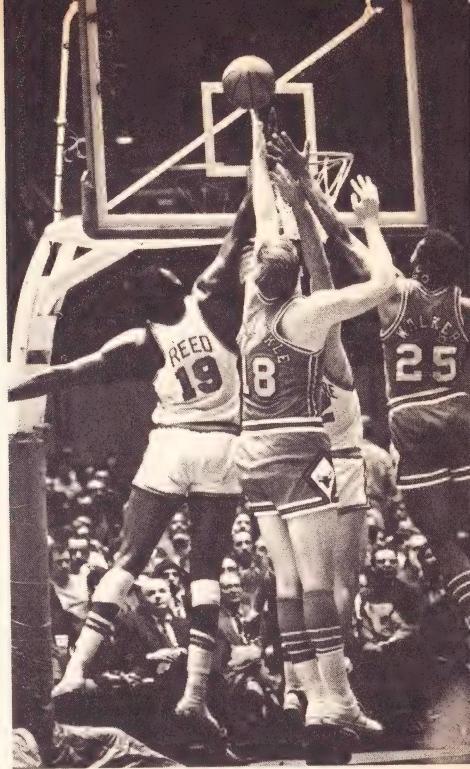
Chet Walker (25), Chicago's No. 2 scorer, registers on a long jumper against the Boston Celtics.

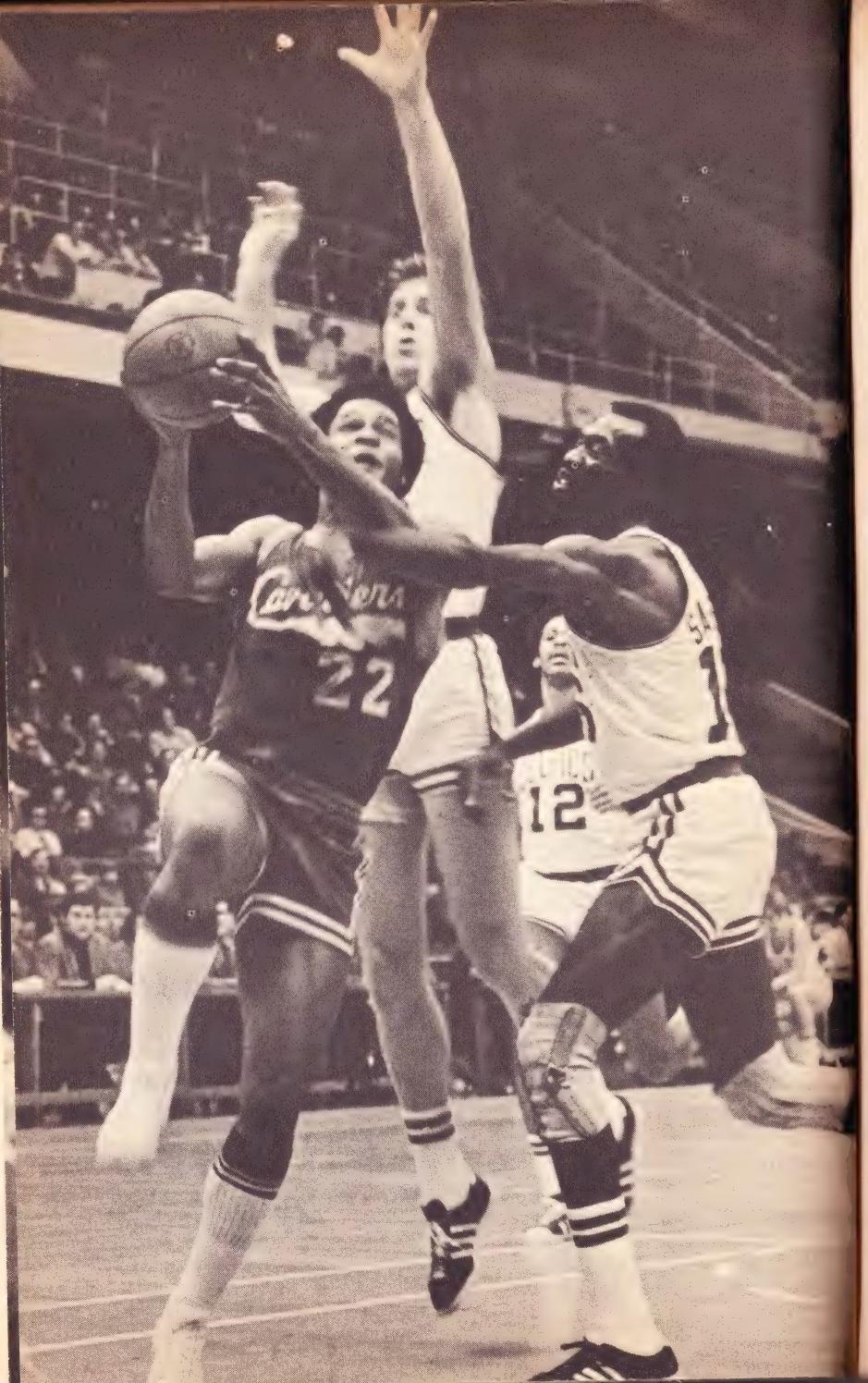
Right:

Tom Boerwinkle (18) and Chet Walker (25) battle Knicks' Willis Reed (19) for a rebound.

Below:

Lefthanded Bob Weiss (8) is smooth ball-handler and a real clutch scorer for Chicago.





CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

The birth of the Cleveland Cavaliers was the result of the tireless efforts of Nick Mileti, a hometown boy who wanted a major league basketball team for his city. Mileti went out in 1968 and bought the Cleveland Arena and a minor league hockey franchise. Two years later, he was given an expansion franchise by the NBA. It marked the second go around for Cleveland in the league. The Cleveland Rebels were a member of the league in its first year of operation in 1946-47. Led by Ed Sadowski, Mel Riebe and Frank Baumholtz, the Rebels finished 10-30 and made it to the playoffs. Now entering their third season, the Cavs have yet to match the win total of the Rebels. The first year, Cleveland opened the season with 15 consecutive losses and won only 16 games all season. Last year, they upped the win total to 23. Out of the futility there is hope. John Johnson, Austin Carr and Dwight Davis, the No. 1 choices the last three drafts give the Cavs a good nucleus around which to build. Talentwise, however, the team is still far behind the rest of the others in their division. Coach Bill Fitch has maintained a sense of humor through it all and probably will have to do so for some time to come.

Austin Carr (22), ex-Notre Dame great, is a potential super star for Cavaliers.

Key Players

**BUTCH BEARD****G, 6-3, 185, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Louisville**

The quarterback of the Cavaliers, Beard finally joined the club early last season after spending a two-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army. He was originally the first draft pick of the Atlanta Hawks in 1969 and averaged better than seven points a game as a rookie. Cleveland selected him in the expansion draft and waited patiently for his release. Despite playing in only 68 games, Beard led the Cavs in assists with nearly seven a game and averaged 15.4, third best on the club.

**AUSTIN CARR****G, 6-3, 185, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Notre Dame**

Beset by injuries suffered to his feet before the season, Carr managed to play only half the season, averaging a club-leading 21.2 points a game. He underwent more surgery during the off-season and appears to have fully recovered. Carr was the 1971 College Player-of-the-Year in most polls and was the first pick overall in the pro draft. He established numerous offensive marks at Notre Dame, averaging better than 30 points a game during his junior and senior years. He shot only .426 from the floor as a rookie.

**JOHN JOHNSON****G-F, 6-7, 190, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Iowa**

The top draft choice of Cleveland in 1970, Johnson has more than fulfilled expectations, averaging 16.6 points as a rookie and 17.0 last season. In each of his first two years in the league he was named to participate in the All-Star game. The former Iowa All-America logged the most playing time and was second on the club in assists with 415. Johnson is quick enough to play the back-court and did so on occasion last season.

**RICK ROBERSON****C-F, 6-9, 235, 4th Yr., Age 25, Cincinnati**

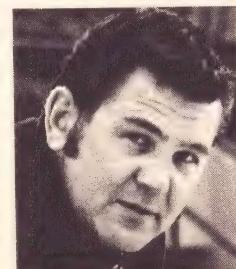
Acquired from the Los Angeles Lakers early last season, Roberson made a big difference in the Cleveland front line. He averaged 13.1 points and nearly 13 rebounds a game for the Cavaliers, but led the way with seven disqualifications. Roberson was the first draft choice of the Los Angeles Lakers in 1969 and started during the greater part of his rookie season following an injury to Wilt Chamberlain. He can play either center or the corner.

**JOHN WARREN****G, 6-3, 180, 4th Yr., Age 25, St. John's**

Picked in the expansion draft from the New York Knicks, Warren will be attempting to win back the starting guard job he lost last season. In his first year with the Cavs, Warren averaged 11.5 points a game. Last year, it dipped to 5.0 a contest. Warren was a college star at St. John's and New York's No. 1 choice in 1969. He was a member of the Knicks world championship team in 1969-70, averaging 2.6 points a game. After fouling out of 13 games two years ago, Warren went all of last season without one disqualification.

**WALT WESLEY****C, 6-11, 220, 7th Yr., Age 27, Kansas**

The Cavs old man at 27, Wesley has played the best pro ball of his career since coming from Chicago in the expansion draft. During his first four seasons in the NBA, Wesley never averaged in double figures. The last two campaigns, he has scored at norms of 17.7 and 12.4. Wesley was also the second leading rebounder with an average of nearly nine a game. His .409 field goal shooting percentage was among the worst in the league for a big man. Wesley was originally the first draft pick of Cincinnati in 1966 out of Kansas.

**BILL FITCH
COACH**

Bill Fitch has managed to keep his sense of humor the last two seasons while the Cavaliers have been losing game upon game. His quick, witty answers have established him as one of the most quoted coaches in the league. Fitch came to Cleveland from the University of Minnesota where he transformed the Gophers into a respectable club. Prior to that, Fitch coached at Bowling Green. His 1968 team made it to the NCAA playoffs. Fitch also coached at North Dakota.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

CHARLIE DAVIS: G, 6-2, 160, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Wake Forest (9.8)**DAVE SORENSEN: F, 6-8, 227, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Ohio State (7.0)****BOB WASHINGTON: G, 6-0, 175, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Eastern Kentucky (5.1)**

TOP ROOKIE

Dwight Davis, a 6-7 forward, is likely to be a starter for the Cavaliers. As a senior at Houston, Davis averaged over 24 points and 11 rebounds a game. He was a No. 1 draft choice.

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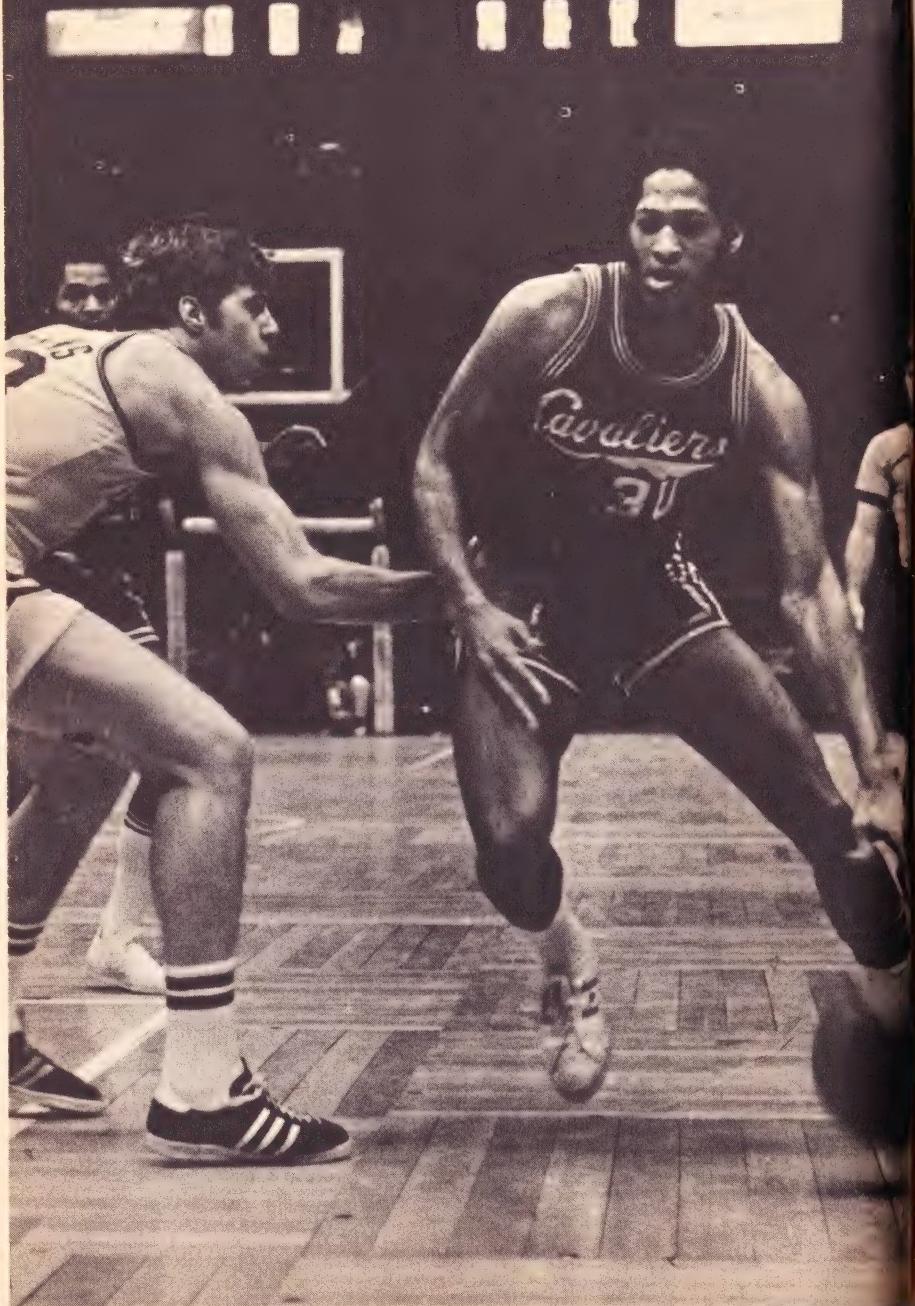
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

CLEVELAND	G	Min.	FG			FT			Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
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Garr	43	1539	.381	.894	.426	.149	.196	.760	150	148	99	911	21.2
Johnson	82	3041	.557	.1286	.433	.277	.353	.785	631	415	268	1391	17.0
Heard	68	2434	.394	.849	.464	.260	.342	.760	276	456	213	1048	15.4
Smith	82	2734	.527	.1190	.443	.178	.224	.795	502	247	222	1232	15.0
Ruberson	63	2207	.304	.688	.442	.215	.366	.587	801	109	251	823	13.1
Wesley	82	2185	.412	.1006	.409	.196	.291	.674	711	76	245	1020	12.4
Davis	61	1144	.229	.569	.402	.142	.169	.840	92	123	143	600	9.8
Korenson	76	1162	.213	.475	.448	.106	.136	.779	301	81	120	532	7.0
Washington	69	967	.123	.309	.398	.104	.128	.813	129	223	135	350	5.1
Warren	68	969	.144	.345	.417	.49	.58	.845	133	91	92	337	5.0
Patterson	65	775	.94	.263	.357	.23	.46	.500	228	54	80	211	3.2
Howard	48	426	.50	.131	.382	.39	.51	.765	108	27	50	139	2.9
Rockley	9	65	.11	.25	.440	1	4	.250	21	3	3	23	2.6
Hodge	32	107	.19	.44	.432	.19	.26	.731	15	7	15	57	1.8

Cavaliers in Action



Walt Wesley (32) is a big, mobile player who can score on a variety of shots.



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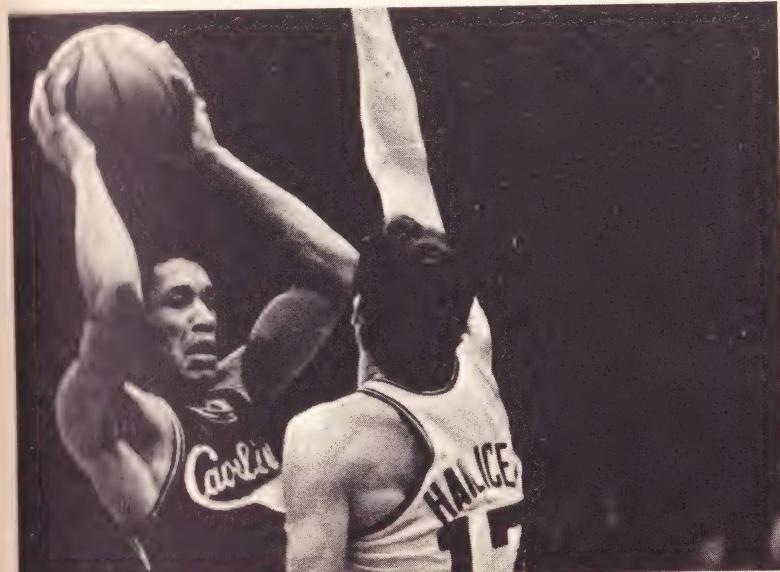
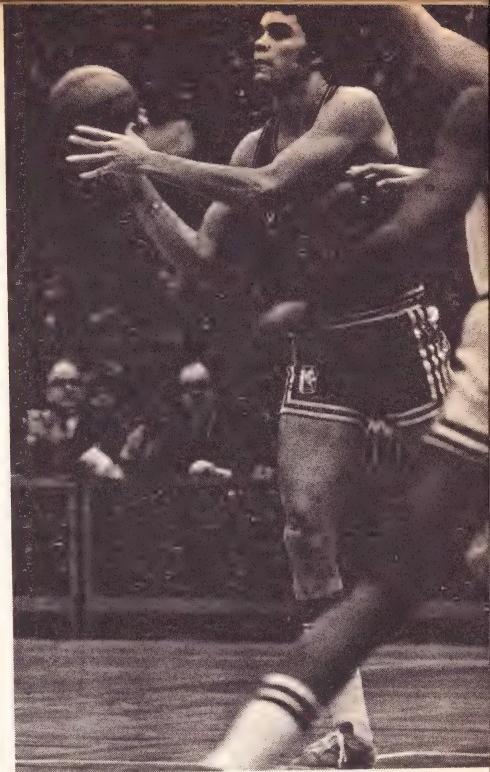
Cavaliers are counting on versatile Rick Roberson (30) to lead balanced attack this year.

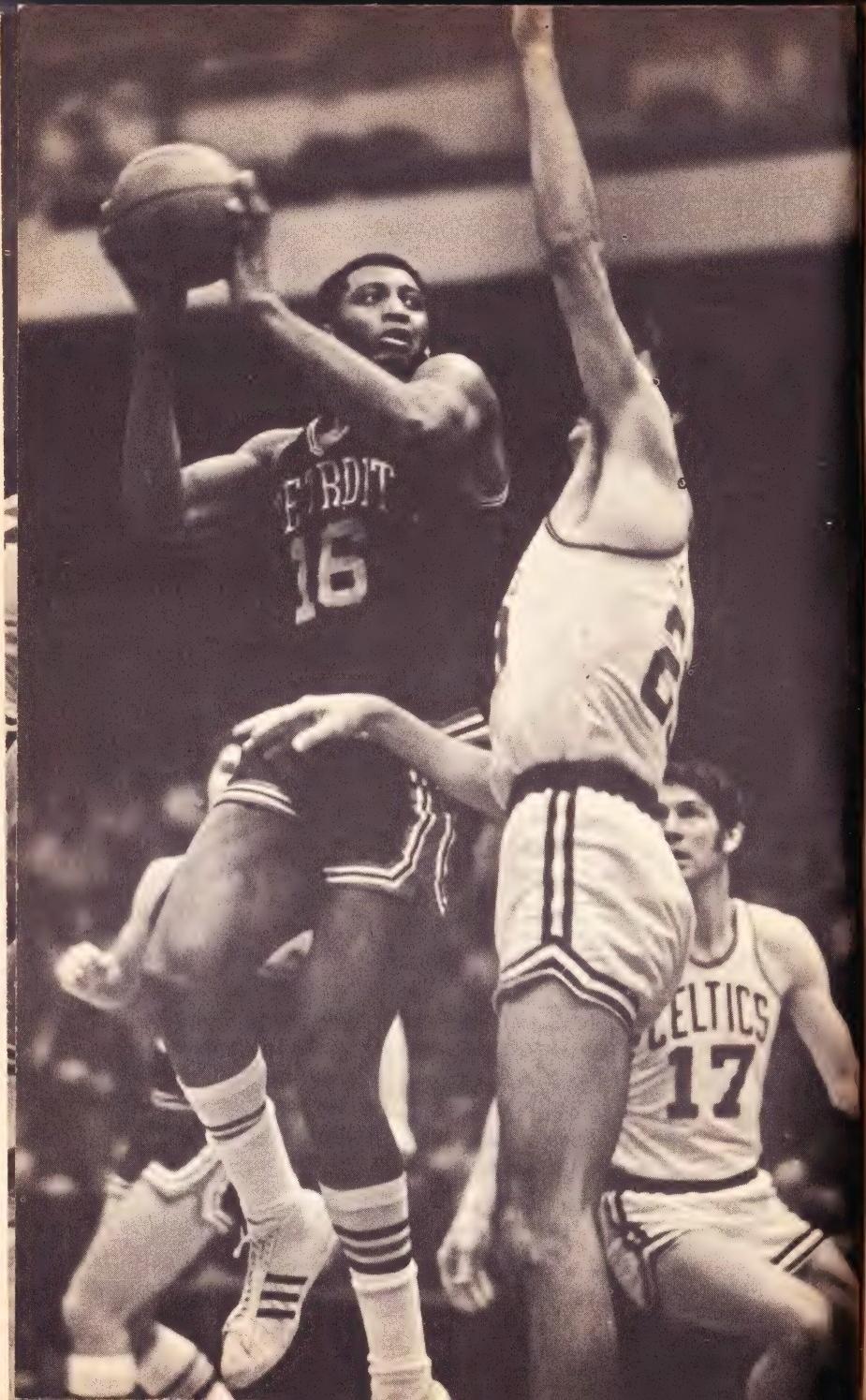
Right:

Dave Sorenson (15) gets set to unload one-hander against Boston Celtics.

Below:

John Johnson (left), another of the Cavalier marksmen, goes one-on-one against John Havlicek of Celts.





DETROIT PISTONS

More than 30 years ago, Fred Zollner, owner of the Pistons, sponsored his first basketball team as members of the National Basketball League. His Ft. Wayne club won four titles and in 1948 became a part of the National Basketball Association, as it is known today. The Pistons hit their highwater mark in Ft. Wayne in 1955 when they won the Western Division title and reached the world championship finals against Syracuse before losing the seventh game, 92-91. They repeated as Western Division titlists each of the next two years, before moving to Detroit in 1957. The team's stars during this era were George Yardley and Larry Foust. Despite the fact that Detroit made the playoff seven times since moving, the team never reached the .500 mark until two years ago. And then the Pistons finished last in a four-team division. The Pistons have an outstanding center in Bob Lanier and one of the great guards in Dave Bing. The acquisition of Stu Lantz will help, but Detroit appears to have too many shortcomings at the forwards to be a playoff contender.

Big Bob Lanier (16) has finally come into his own as a potential All-Pro center. He's outstanding rebounder and fine shooter.

Key Players



DAVE BING

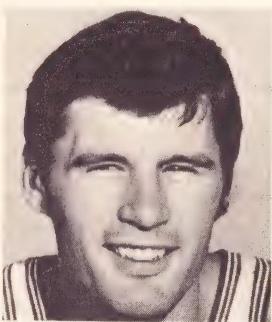
G, 6-3, 180, 7th Yr., Age 29, Syracuse

Last season was a frustrating one for Bing, who suffered a detached retina in an exhibition game and missed more than two months of the regular campaign. After coming back, Bing averaged 22.6 points a game, but hit only .414 of his field goal attempts. He has a career average of nearly 24 points a game. Bing was the first draft pick of the Pistons in 1966 after earning All-American honors at Syracuse. He was a Rookie-of-the-Year and the NBA scoring champion in 1967-68.

FRED FOSTER

F, 6-5, 215, 5th Yr., Age 26, Miami (O.)

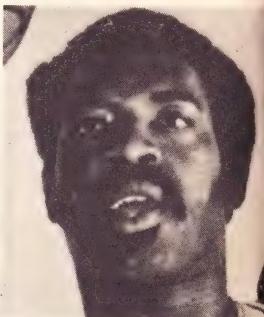
Foster came to the Pistons in a three-way trade during the off-season involving Philadelphia and Portland, which saw Terry Dischinger go to the Trailblazers. Originally drafted by the Royals in the third round in 1968, he came to Philadelphia for Darrall Imhoff in 1970. A part-time starter most of his career, he won a regular job last season and averaged 11.9 points a game. Foster only shot .415 from the floor. His best season was 1969-70 (15.0).



HOWARD KOMIVES

G, 6-1, 180, 9th Yr., Age 31, Bowling Green

In spite of the fact that Komives is not a starter, he still managed the fourth most playing time on the Pistons last season while participating in all but three games. He spent a great deal of time in the "doghouse" of coach Earl Lloyd for remarks made about how to play certain players. Komives averaged 8.7 points a game. Originally came to Detroit from New York. The Knicks drafted him in the second round in 1964 after he led the nation in scoring at Bowling Green.



BOB LANIER

C, 6-11, 265, 3rd Yr., Age 23, St. Bonaventure

Lanier capped a great season by winning the Most Valuable Player award in the NBA-ABA All-Star game. Completely healed from a knee injury suffered his senior year in college, Lanier averaged 25.7 points (eighth best in the league) and 14.2 rebounds (ninth best). He was the top draft choice of the Pistons in 1970 and signed for an estimated \$1.4 million. Lanier had the job to himself after sharing it in his rookie year.



STU LANTZ

G, 6-3, 190, 5th Yr., Age 26, Nebraska

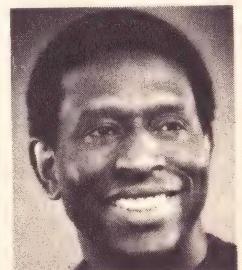
Acquired from the Houston Rockets during the off-season for Jimmy Walker, Lantz's addition gives the Pistons one of the strongest backcourts in the NBA. A durable performer (he missed only one game in the last three years), Lantz averaged 18.5 points for the Rockets, after hitting at a 20.6 norm the year before. Lantz was originally a third-round draft choice of the Rockets in 1968. He was a part-time starter his rookie year before establishing himself as a regular.



CURTIS ROWE

F, 6-7, 225, 2nd Yr., Age 23, UCLA

The No. 1 draft choice of the Pistons, Rowe held a starting forward job throughout the season, averaging 11.3 points a game. He also performed more than adequately on defense. As a collegian at UCLA, Rowe played on three successive NCAA championship teams, during which time the Bruins were 86-4. He only averaged 15.2 points. Rowe was second on the club in rebounding with an average of better than eight a game.



EARL LLOYD

COACH

Earl Lloyd opened last season in the television booth and wound up coaching the Pistons after Bunch Van Breda Kolff quit. Lloyd, who played college ball at West Virginia State, performed two seasons for the Pistons in the late 50s and has, over the years, become one of the most respected men in the basketball business. He is one of two black coaches in the NBA (Al Attles of Golden State is the other).

OTHER KEY VETERANS

WILLIE NORWOOD: F, 6-7, 220, 2nd Yr., Age 25, Alcorn A&M (6.2)

JIM DAVIS: C, 6-9, 220, 6th Yr., Age 31, Colorado (5.9)

BILL HEWITT: F, 6-7, 210, 5th Yr., Age 28, Southern Cal (4.5)

ERWIN MUELLER: F, 6-8, 230, 7th Yr., Age 28, San Francisco (4.3)

TOP ROOKIE

Bob Nash joins the Pistons after earning All-American honors for two straight seasons at Hawaii. The 6-7 forward is a good scorer, tough rebounder and plays more than adequate defense. He was a No. 1 pick.

1972-1973 SCHEDULE

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 Fri., Oct. 13 Chicago
 Sat., Oct. 21 Cleveland
 Wed., Oct. 25 Baltimore
 Fri., Nov. 10 Golden State
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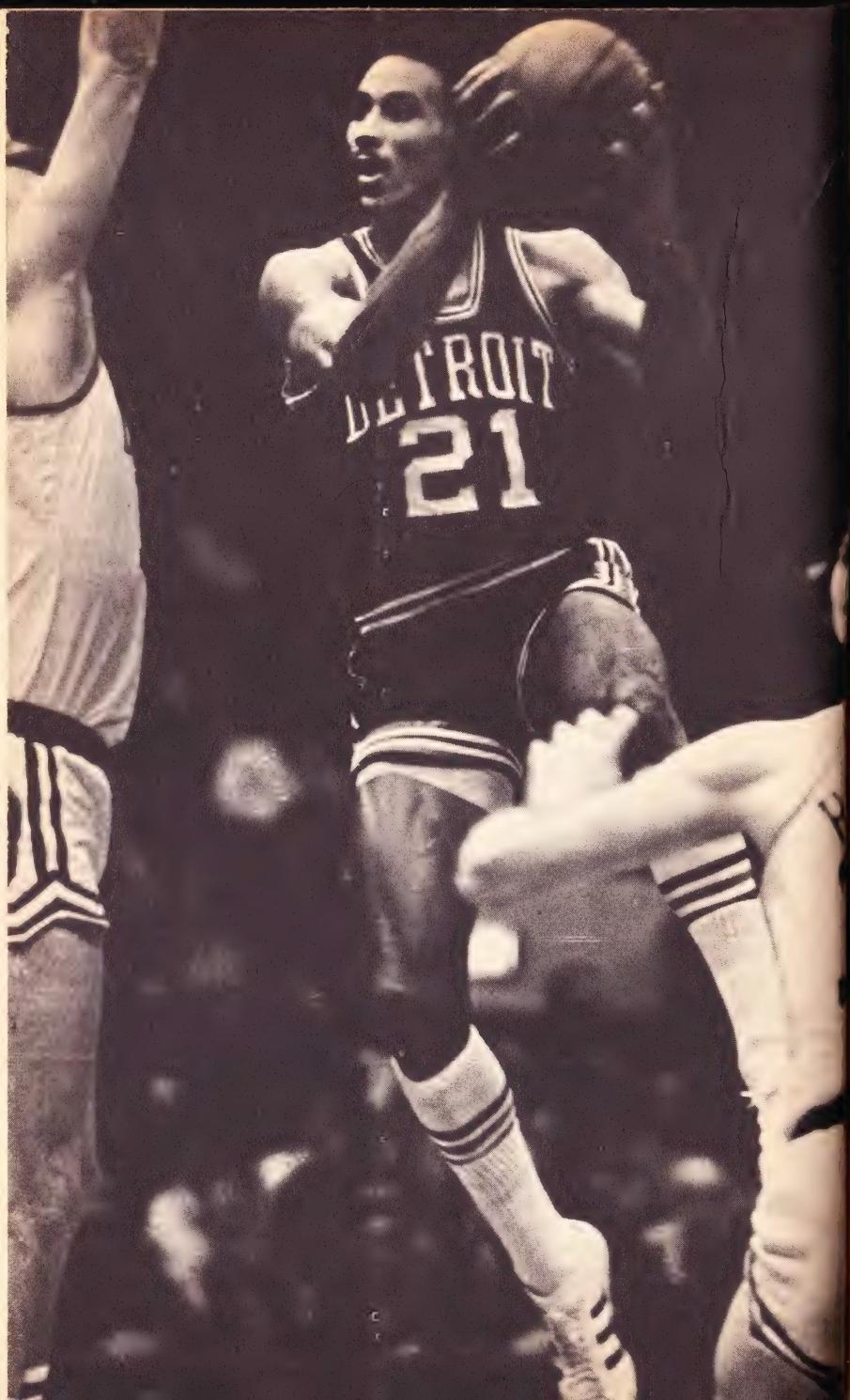
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

DETROIT	G	Min.	FG	FGA	FG Pct.	FT	FTA	FT Pct.	Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Jamier	80	3092	834	1690	.493	388	505	.768	1132	248	297	2056	25.7
Bing	45	1936	369	891	.414	278	354	.785	186	317	138	1016	22.6
Walker	78	3083	634	1386	.457	397	480	.827	231	315	198	1665	21.3
Rouse	82	2661	369	802	.460	192	287	.669	699	99	171	930	11.3
Deshonger	79	2062	295	574	.514	156	200	.780	338	92	289	746	9.4
Poniatas	79	2071	262	702	.373	164	203	.808	172	291	196	688	8.7
Horwood	78	1272	222	440	.505	140	215	.651	316	43	229	584	7.5
Hornick	18	204	39	82	.476	34	45	.756	51	11	29	112	6.2
Davis (Tot.)	75	983	147	338	.435	100	154	.649	276	51	138	394	5.3
Davis (Def.)	52	684	121	251	.482	64	98	.653	196	38	106	306	5.9
Murphy	31	506	60	149	.403	36	42	.857	62	60	64	156	5.0
Mit	8	104	15	47	.319	7	12	.583	23	4	7	37	4.6
Hasell	68	1203	131	277	.473	41	82	.500	370	71	134	303	4.5
Muller	42	605	68	197	.345	43	74	.581	147	57	64	179	4.3
Wilson	48	322	63	177	.356	41	56	.732	47	41	32	167	3.5

Pistons in Action



DETROIT Piston defender Howard Komives (30) attempts to keep Kareem Abdul-Jabbar out of scoring range.



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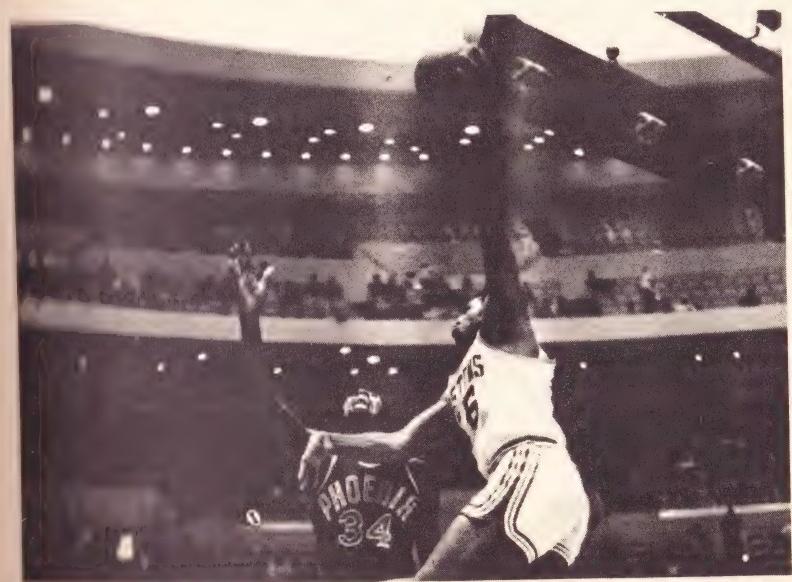
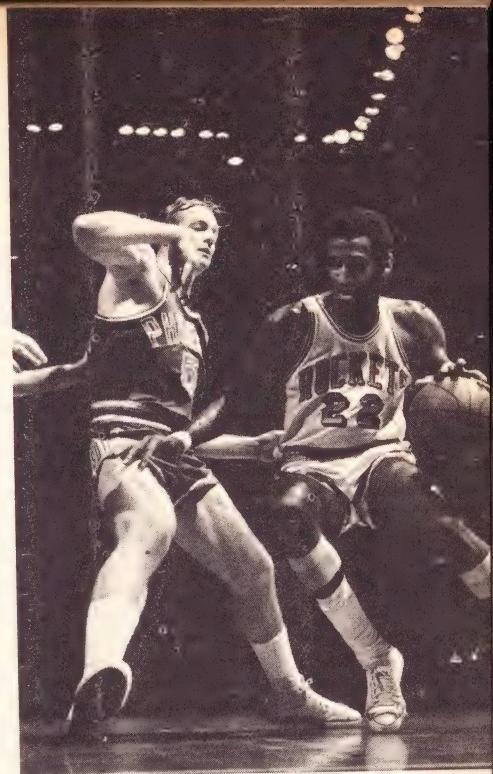
Dave Bing (21) is virtually unstoppable on his drives to the basket. He's key man in Pistons' offense.

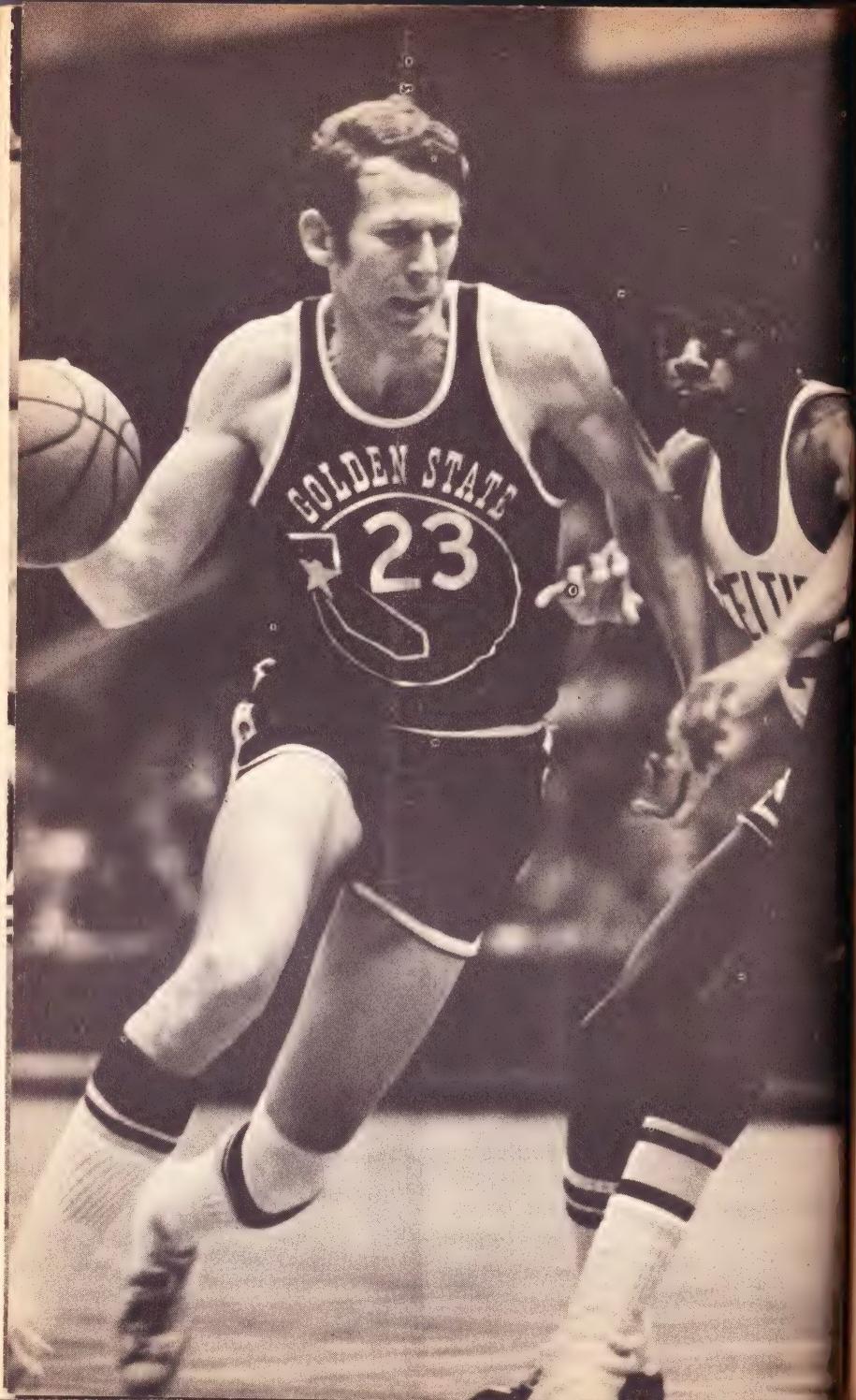
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Bis Lantz (22), obtained in trade with Houston, adds depth and scoring punch to Detroit lineup.

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Here's Bob Lanier (16) executing his famous lefthanded hook shot against Phoenix.



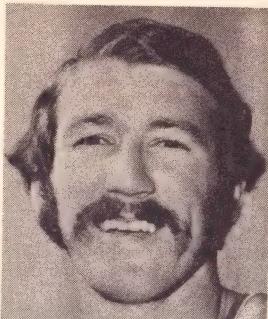


GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

Five years ago, Franklin Mieuli, owner of the Golden State Warriors, was on the threshold of building a basketball dynasty. He had Rick Barry, the NBA scoring champion, and a great center in Nate Thurmond. Then Barry jumped to the ABA and Thurmond suffered through a series of injuries. Mieuli then obtained the rights to Zelmo Beaty, but he wound up in the other league, too. That choice cost him a shot at Pete Maravich. His 1971 No. 1 draft pick signed with Indiana and the 1972 selection was lost in a hardship choice (Cyril Baptiste) who never panned out. Now, after years of setbacks, things appear to have changed. Barry was ruled back to Golden State, Thurmond appears to have overcome his injuries and Cazzie Russell has blossomed into a top flight scorer. This franchise started in Philadelphia as an original member of the league. The Warriors won the NBA title the first season and again in 1956. Mieuli bought the team from Eddie Gottlieb in 1962. This year's edition should be in the thick of the battle for a Pacific Division playoff spot—unless more misfortune befalls Mieuli.

Hard driving Jeff Mullins (23) symbolizes the revived title hopes of the Golden State Warriors.

Key Players

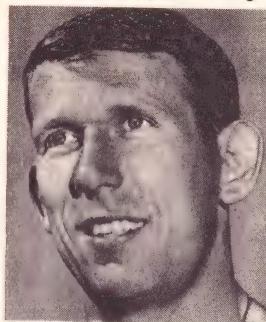


RICK BARRY
F, 6-7, 215, 7th Yr., Age 28, Miami (Fla.)

One of the greatest offensive forwards to ever play professional basketball, Barry returns to the team where he broke in as a rookie in 1965. He was the No. 1 pick of the Warriors after an outstanding career at Miami. Barry was Rookie-of-the-Year and followed it up by winning the NBA scoring championship in 1966-67 with an average of 35.6 points a game. After sitting out a year, he played four seasons in the ABA, the last two with the New York Nets. The courts ruled Barry would honor a contract he signed with Golden State.



JEFF MULLINS
G, 6-4, 200, 9th Yr., Age 30, Duke
For the fourth consecutive year, Mullins averaged more than 20 points a game (21.5). An All-American at Duke, he was originally selected by the St. Louis Hawks in 1964 where he spent the better part of two seasons sitting on the bench. He was selected by Chicago in its 1966 expansion draft and then dealt to the Warriors for Guy Rodgers. Since coming to the Bay Area, Mullins has made the All-Star team three times. He has also been the Warriors' leading scorer for four consecutive seasons.



OTHER KEY VETERANS

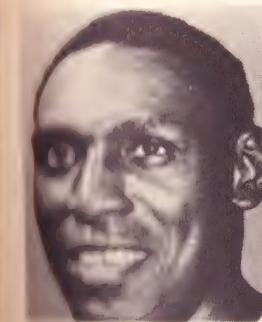
JOE ELLIS: F, 6-6, 175, 7th Yr., Age 28, San Francisco (8.4)
CLYDE LEE: C, 6-10, 230, 7th Yr., Age 28, Vanderbilt (8.1)
BOB PORTMAN: F, 6-5, 200, 4th Yr., Age 25, Creighton (3.8)
NICK JONES: G, 6-2, 190, 4th Yr., Age 27, Oregon (3.3)

TOP ROOKIE

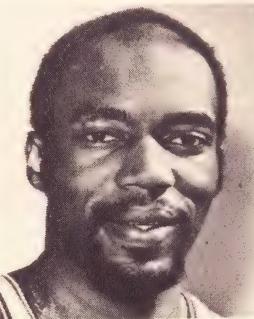
Having lost its first two choices, Golden State took North Carolina's Bill Chamberlain in the third round. Chamberlain, a 6-6 forward, was the MVP in the National Invitation Tournament as a junior. He has great potential.



NATE THURMOND
F, 6-11, 235, 10th Yr., Age 31, Bowling Green
Drafted No. 1 by the Warriors in 1963 after his collegiate career at Bowling Green, Thurmond has been a top scorer and rebounder for the Warriors since. He averaged 21.4 points—the fifth consecutive year he has gone over the 20-point plateau—and 16.1 rebounds (fourth best in the NBA). Thurmond has a career rebounding average of nearly 18 a game. Much of his career has been hampered by a series of injuries. Only over the last two campaigns has he been able to stay healthy.



RON WILLIAMS
G, 6-3, 190, 5th Yr., Age 28, West Virginia
Williams, at one time the "quarterback" of the Warriors, is coming off a poor season which saw his scoring average dip by almost five points a game to 9.7. Two years ago, Williams was seventh in the league in assists. Last season, he was only third best on his club. The only bright spot was his shooting from the field (.474, by far the best of his career). Williams was the No. 1 draft pick of the Warriors in 1968 after an outstanding career at West Virginia.



AL ATTLES
COACH

Now in his third season as coach of the Golden State Warriors, Attles is aiming for another Pacific Division playoff berth. Last year, the 51-31 record was the best achieved by the Warriors since moving to the West Coast. One of two blacks coaching in the NBA, Attles was a standout player with the team going back to the days the club was still in Philadelphia. He retired from active competition in 1971. Attles was originally a fifth round pick out of North Carolina A&T.



CAZZIE RUSSELL
F, 6-5, 220, 7th Yr., Age 28, Michigan
Acquired from the New York Knicks for Jerry Lucas prior to the start of last season, Russell stepped in and averaged 21.4 points a game for the Warriors. He was injured during the latter part of the summer. Russell was an outstanding collegian at Michigan and New York's top draft pick in 1966. Injuries and the Knicks' depth turned Russell into a part-time (and unhappy) player. Last season was Cazzie's best as a pro.

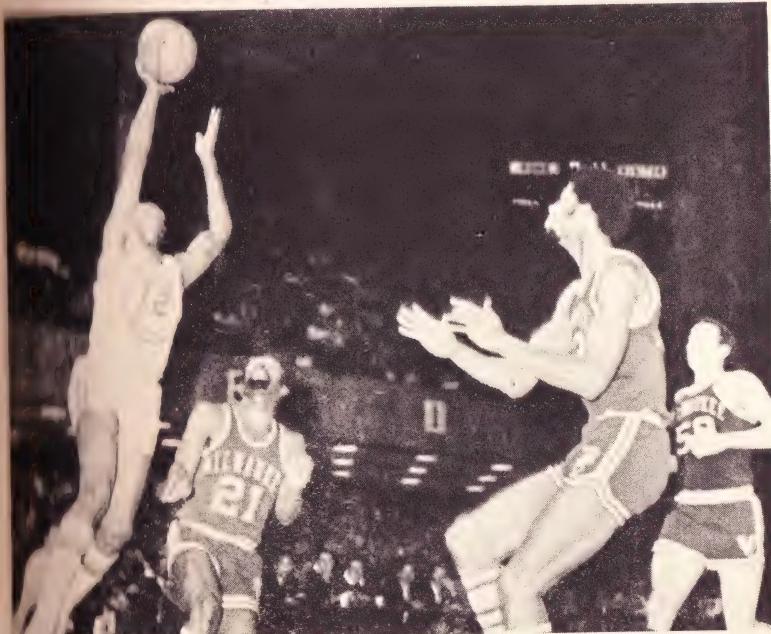
1972-1973 SCHEDULE

	HOME	AWAY
Sat., Oct. 14	Milwaukee	Fri., Oct. 20
Tue., Oct. 17	Baltimore	At Seattle
Thu., Oct. 26	Chicago	Sat., Oct. 21
Sat., Oct. 28	Atlanta	At Portland
Tue., Oct. 31	Detroit	Fri., Oct. 27
Thu., Nov. 2	Portland	At Los Angeles
Sat., Nov. 4	New York	Tue., Nov. 7
Thu., Nov. 16	Philadelphia	At Buffalo
Sat., Nov. 18	Buffalo	Wed., Nov. 8
Tue., Nov. 28	Phoenix	At Boston
Sat., Dec. 2	Los Angeles	Fri., Nov. 10
Tue., Dec. 5	Houston	At Detroit
Tue., Dec. 19	Boston	Sat., Nov. 11
Sat., Dec. 23	Chicago	At New York
Tue., Dec. 26	Seattle	Tue., Nov. 14
Thu., Dec. 28	Cleveland	At Atlanta
Sat., Dec. 30	Kansas City-Omaha	Fri., Nov. 17
Tue., Jan. 2	Los Angeles	At Portland
Thu., Jan. 4	Portland	Wed., Nov. 22
Sat., Jan. 6	Philadelphia	At Houston
Tue., Jan. 9	Detroit	Fri., Nov. 24
Sat., Jan. 13	Phoenix	At Chicago
Tue., Jan. 16	Cleveland	Sat., Nov. 25
Thu., Jan. 25	Kansas City-Omaha	Kansas City-Omaha at Kansas City
Sat., Jan. 27	Los Angeles	Fri., Dec. 1
Sat., Feb. 3	Seattle	At Phoenix
Thu., Feb. 8	Portland	Fri., Dec. 8
Sat., Feb. 15	Baltimore	At Milwaukee
Sat., Feb. 17	Boston	Sun., Dec. 10
Tue., Feb. 20	Atlanta	At Cleveland
Sat., Feb. 24	Milwaukee	Wed., Dec. 13
Fri., Mar. 2	Kansas City-Omaha	At Detroit
Sat., Mar. 3	Chicago	Fri., Dec. 15
Tue., Mar. 6	Detroit	At Buffalo
Thu., Mar. 15	Houston	Sat., Dec. 16
Sat., Mar. 17	New York	Baltimore at College Park
Tue., Mar. 20	Seattle	Fri., Jan. 5
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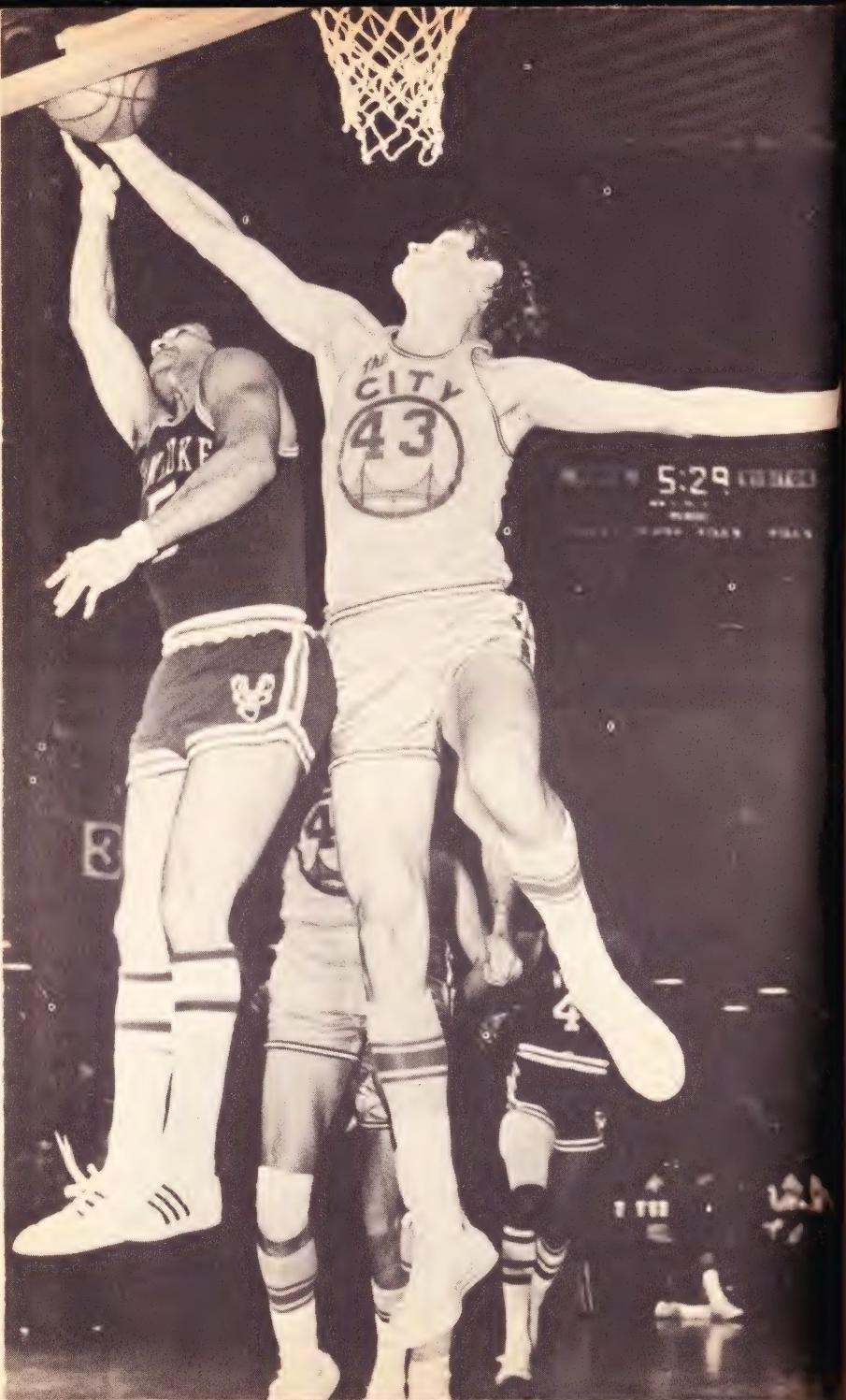
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NAME	G	Min.	FG		FT		Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.			
			FG Pct.	FGA	FT Pct.	FTA								
Barrett	80	3214	.685	1466	.467	350	441	.794	444	471	260	1720	21.5	
Barrett	79	2902	.689	1514	.455	315	378	.833	428	248	176	1693	21.4	
Barrett	78	3362	.628	1454	.432	417	561	.743	1252	230	214	1673	21.4	
Barrett	80	2200	.74	915	.409	244	292	.836	250	309	189	992	12.4	
Barrett	80	1932	.721	614	.474	195	234	.833	147	308	232	777	9.7	
Barrett	78	1462	.78	280	.681	.411	95	.132	.720	389	.97	224	655	8.4
Barrett	78	2674	.56	544	.471	120	222	.541	1132	85	244	632	8.1	
Barrett	61	553	.89	221	.403	53	60	.883	133	26	69	231	3.8	
Barrett	65	478	.82	196	.418	51	61	.836	39	45	109	215	3.3	
Barrett	62	597	.71	181	.392	40	53	.755	131	22	67	182	2.9	
Barrett	36	166	.17	78	.218	33	61	.541	45	10	34	67	1.9	
Barrett	38	165	.15	59	.254	4	5	.800	60	3	22	34	0.9	

Warriors in Action



Don (Fritz) Williams (12) scores on this floating lay-up against Milwaukee.



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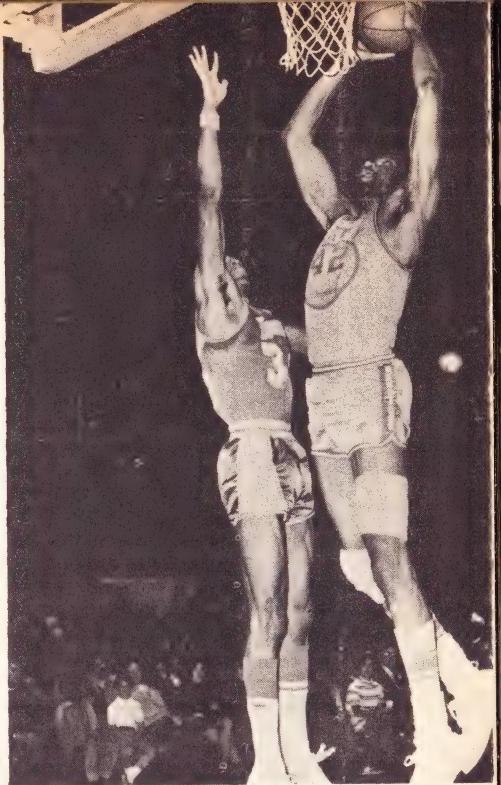
Hyde Lee (43), an aggressive rebounder, goes high to snare ball off the boards against the Bucks.

Right:

One of the toughest rebounders in the game, Warrior center Nate Thurmond (42) can hold his own with any big man in the game.

Middle:

Bucks' Bill Bradley (24) finds going tough against tight guarding of Gold-Dust's tenacious Jeff Mullins (23).

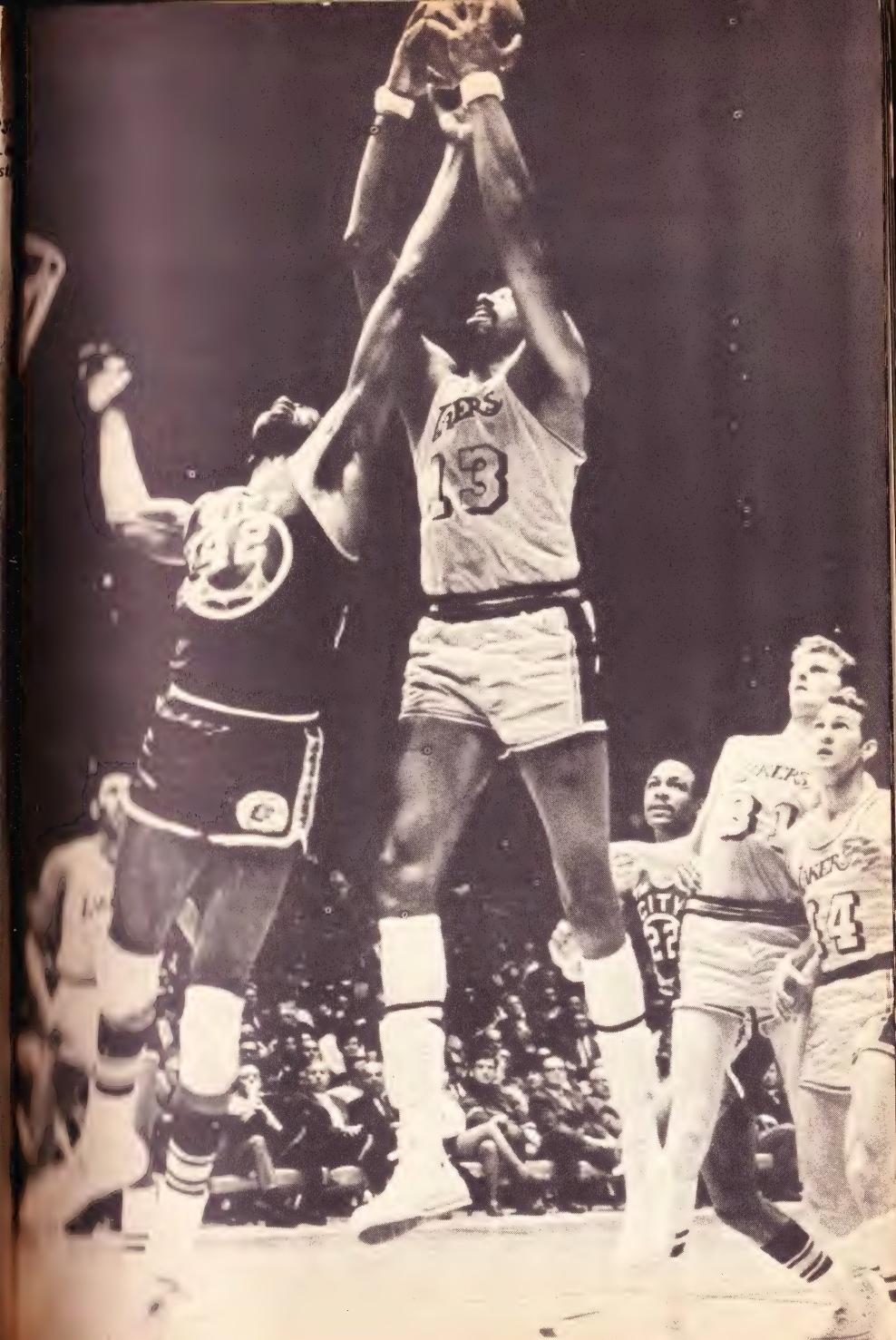


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A MAGIC
NUMBER
FOR THE
LAKERS

Once in a lifetime (if indeed that often) sports fans are treated to a performance of such majestic proportions that it transcends all previous experiences. It is like a streak of lightning on the horizon, there one instant, gone the next, but retained forever in the mind and eye of those

Wilt Chamberlain (33), dominant figure during L.A.'s incredible stretch run.



who witnessed its brilliance.

Brilliant was the word for the Los Angeles Lakers in 1971-72. Brilliant and awesome and virtually unapproachable as they engineered the greatest feat of all time in major professional sports—a 33-game winning streak.

Even in the cold light of retrospection it is hard to believe that the Lakers actually put together this remarkable string of victories in the pressure cooker of the NBA. It was an incredible achievement, a record that is likely to stand for all time in professional basketball—or at least until the game is played by some future race of supermen.

To accomplish something like this requires everything to fall perfectly into place. All the breaks must go one way, the loose balls, the tip-ins, the turnovers, the clutch baskets. A team must stay free of injuries to key players. It must maintain a keen edge night after night as the pressure builds. It must be good and it must be lucky. It must be a team of dedication.

Such a team were the Los Angeles Lakers en route to the world championship during the 1971-72 NBA season.

The Lakers, much maligned in recent years, put it all together in their unprecedented rush to basketball glory. A new coach, Bill Sharman, gave them a positive direction and belief in their ability. Towering Wilt Chamberlain, also much maligned, came through with an inspired performance. Jerry West, everybody's All Pro, and little Gail Goodrich worked wonders in the backcourt. Young Jim McMillian, an ex-Ivy Leaguer, capably filled the shoes of departed

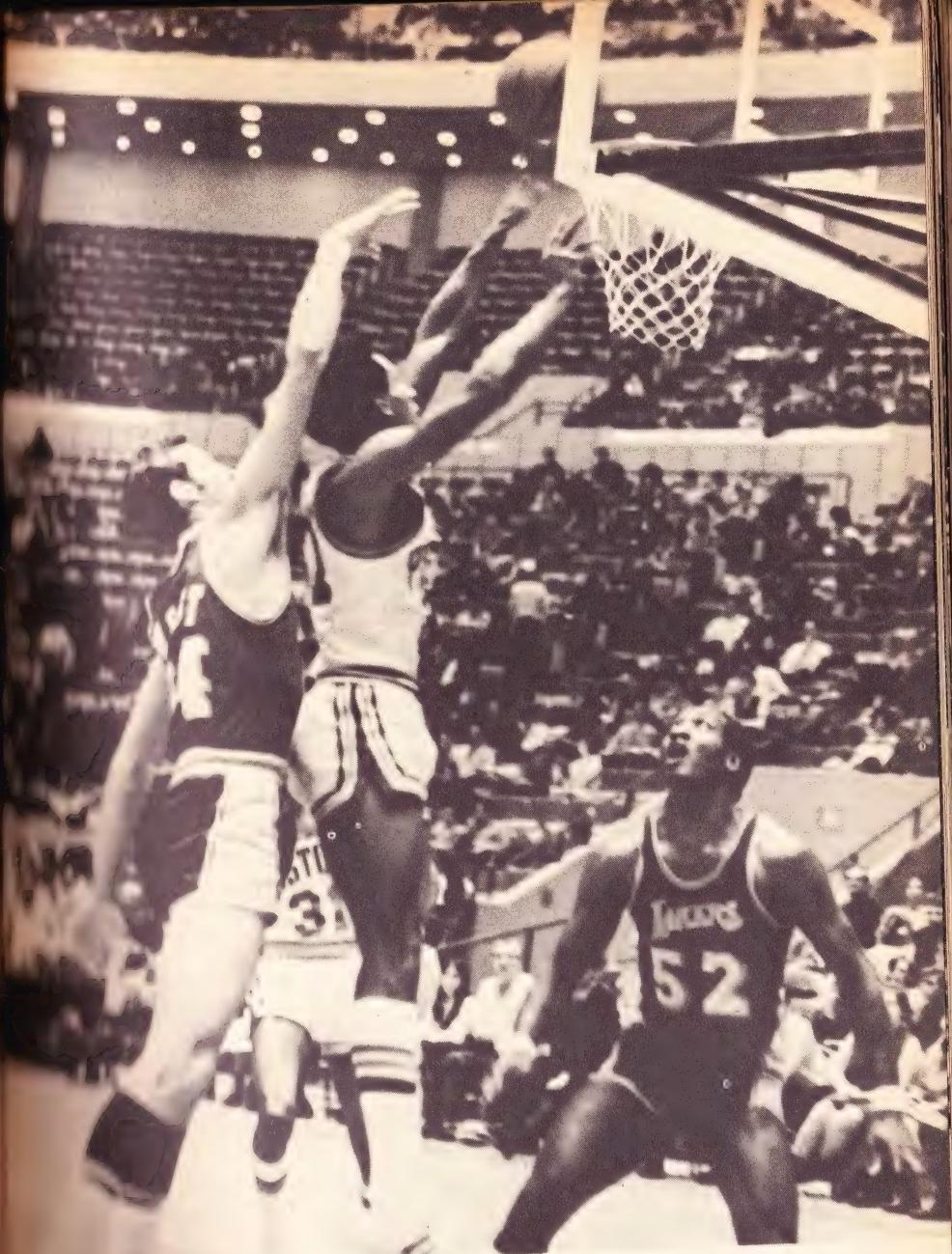
Elgin Baylor, Leroy Ellis and Flynn Robinson emerged as super-subs. The Lakers were clearly a team of balance and skill and common purpose. But even Chamberlain and West and the others could not possibly foresee the amazing achievement that was to be theirs.

The 33-game winning streak, the longest victory skein in professional sports annals, started on November 5, 1971, reached its peak on January 7, 1972, and was finally ended in Milwaukee on January 9 by the Bucks. Milwaukee, incidentally, had held the previous record of 20 straight victories.

The Laker rampage held the entire nation in its grip. As Los Angeles piled victory upon victory, the tension and excitement mounted. Followers of the NBA were plainly incredulous, as if they were viewing a miracle in the making. There had never been anything to match this feat. It was a dizzying spiral of success after success. Records fell, milestones were passed at high speed and the Lakers rolled on despite the pressure that tightened on them like a huge vise.

It was, of course, a team effort, an exercise in unselfishness and cohesion. And yet, two men stood out above the others—Wilt Chamberlain, the 7-2 center, and Jerry West, the incomparable shooter and playmaker. They were the heart and soul of the Los Angeles record spree: West, without an NBA championship to show for his brilliant years, and Chamberlain, fighting his struggle for acceptance as a great professional.

Between them, Chamberlain and West captured three of the NBA's five statistical champion



*Jerry West (44) goes up for rebound
with Dave Bing of Detroit. No. 52 is Happy Hairston.*

ships. Wilt pulled down 1,572 rebounds (23 in the final game of the regular season) and finished with an average of 19.2 per game. It was the 10th rebounding title for the 35-year-old star. He also was the NBA's field goal percentage leader for the eighth time with a mark of .649. The 13-year veteran also reached the 30,000-point milestone and passed Bill Russell, the previous all-time leader, in career rebounds. Wilt now has 22,298.

For West, the 1971-72 campaign brought him his first assist title and also his first All Star Game MVP award. Jerry had 747 assists, an average of 9.7 per game. Typically, Jerry collected 11, 12, 10 and 11 assists in his final four games to edge Lenny Wilkens of Seattle (9.6).

When the regular NBA season ended on March 26, Los Angeles was in possession of no less than eight major team records.

First, the Lakers won their 69th game in 82 outings to surpass the Philadelphia 76ers' mark of 68 victories in 1966-67. The Lakers also topped Philly's record won-loss percentage with .841, and Milwaukee's records with 36 wins at home and 31 on the road. (Los Angeles played two games on neutral courts). On March 19, the Lakers won a game by the biggest margin in NBA history—63 points—and did it against a fine defensive club, Philadelphia, 162-99. Then, on the final night of the season, L.A. trounced Seattle, 124-98, to score 100 or more points for the 81st time in 82 starts. This surpassed the performance of five clubs that did it 80 times—Philadelphia, New York and San Fran-

cisco in 1966-67, and Baltimore and Boston in 1967-68.

The role of Bill Sharman in the Laker's great season is not to be overlooked. The onetime Boston Celtic great, named to the post by owner Jack Kent Cooke in mid-summer, found the right combination to bring out the brilliant and varied talents that lay beneath the surface of the Laker team. Most importantly, perhaps, he found the key to Wilt Chamberlain, a moody, high-strung, often-bitter athlete who had driven a series of coaches to near madness.

Shortly after assuming command, Sharman was discussing his plans with Goodrich, the talented southpaw guard.

"On the road," explained the new coach, "I like to take the team out to the arena about 10:30 each morning and just run through some of the things we plan to use that night."

"Sounds reasonable," said Goodrich.

Sharman continued.

"Then about 10:45 we'll loosen up with a few exercises and shoot some baskets."

"Nothing wrong with that," Goodrich countered.

At this point, a bystander asked Sharman: "What will you do at eleven o'clock?"

Before the coach could answer, Goodrich piped up, "We'll go back to the hotel and wake up Wilt."

But no one had to wake up Chamberlain last season. There were no signs of the lethargy and disinterest that had marked Wilt's performance in the past. He played the game at both ends of the court for Sharman. The huge center, long

a controversial figure in the NBA, reached down inside of himself and discovered untapped motivation. He was a demon on defense, blocking shots, clearing the boards, triggering the feared Laker fast break. On offense he contributed the points whenever West and Goodrich and the others needed his scoring support. He even made foul shots with un-Chamberlain-like consistency. He was truly a revelation.

Like all coaches with a hot hand, Bill Sharman made all the right moves. He juggled the aging Laker personnel like a magician, and seldom did his strategy fail.

As the victory pattern took shape, the Lakers developed a keen rapport with their coach. They believed in him, in his methods—and in his hot hand. He could, it seemed to them, do no wrong. Of such an atmosphere are championships made in the NBA.

Sharman, who has seen most all of them over the past two decades, called West and Goodrich the "best backcourt pair ever."

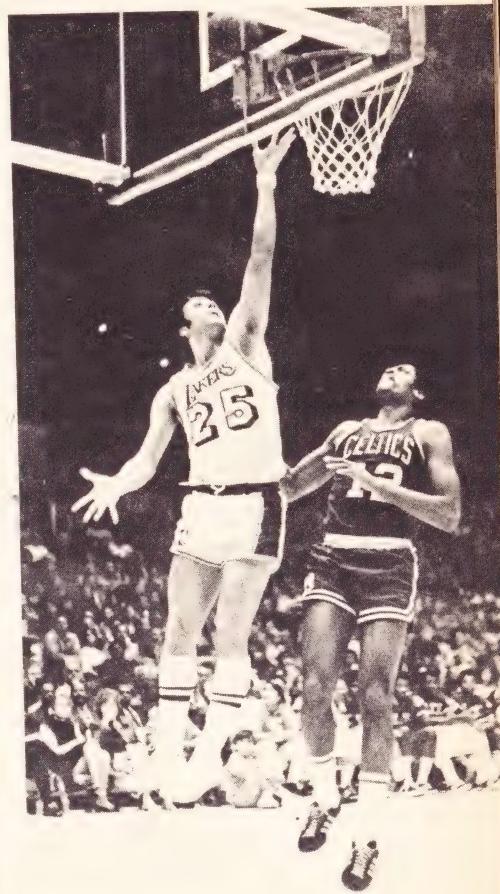
"Better than Bob Cousy and Bill Sharman during the Boston Celtics' championship era?" someone asked.

"Yes, sir," replied Sharman emphatically. "West and Goodrich are the best backcourt in the history of the game. They can shoot, run the fast break, make the pass and play defense. They do everything."

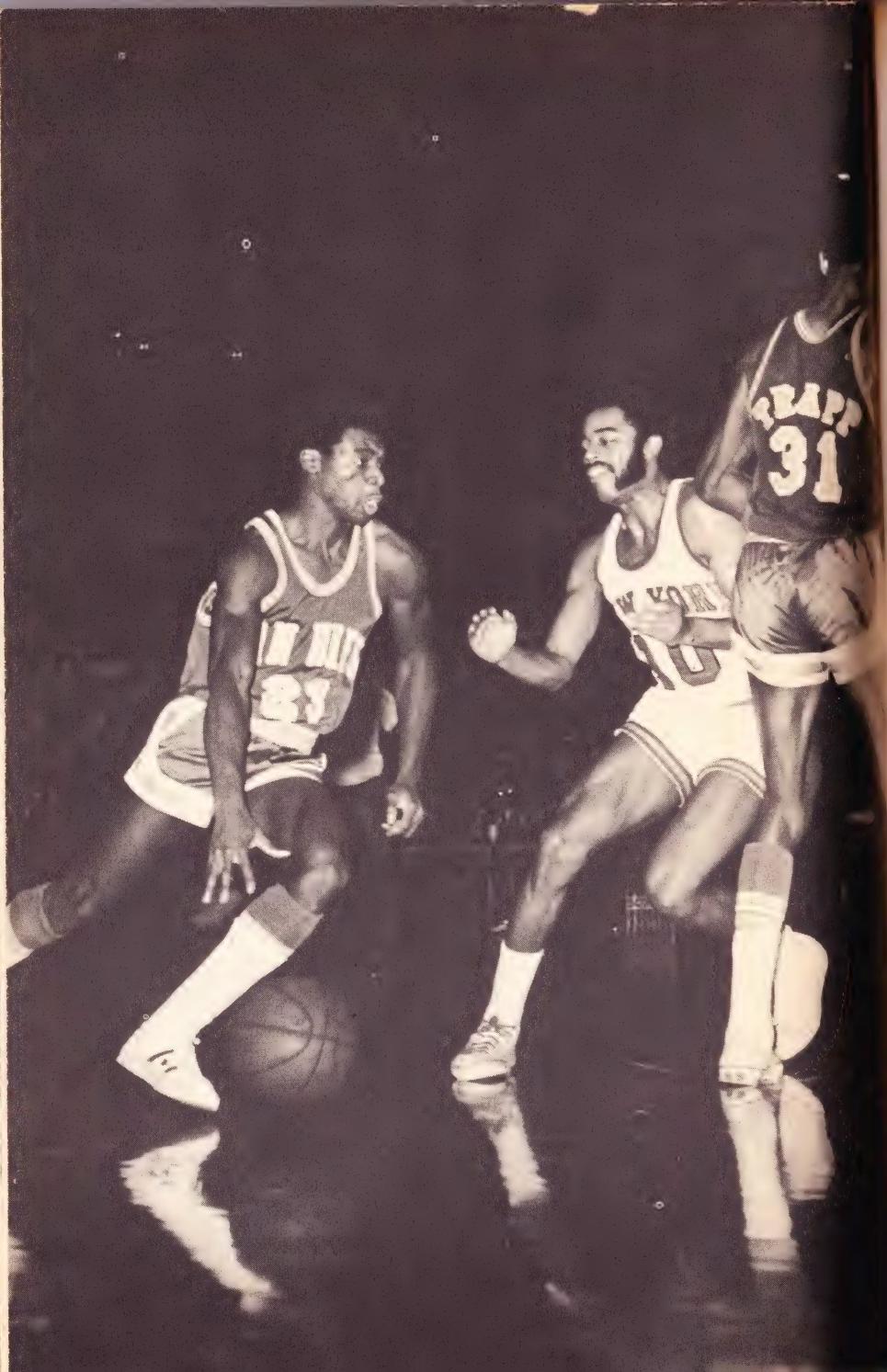
The Lakers did everything last season that a basketball team can do except, perhaps, go undefeated. The impetus of the record winning streak carried over into the playoffs where they easily dispatched the Milwaukee Bucks and then outlast-

ed the New York Knicks for the league championship.

They were truly a super team in 1971-72, a blend of skill and talent, experience and youth, size and speed, motivation and pride. They wrote an entire new chapter in the NBA record book, and it's unlikely that any other club will ever re-write it.



Gail Goodrich (25) sparked as scorer for Lakers en route to record 33 wins in row.

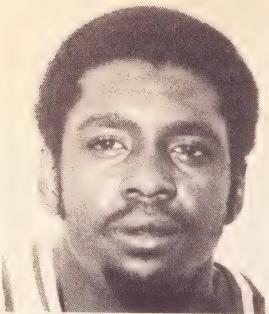


HOUSTON ROCKETS

The jury is still out on basketball in Houston, but the Rockets have been making management steps in the right direction. Foremost was the acquisition of Ray Petterson (from Milwaukee) as President. The town flopped with an American Basketball Association team in the 1960s and had to back away from an NBA franchise in 1970. The current Rockets moved to Houston last season after leaving San Diego. That franchise was formed in 1967 at a cost of \$1.75 million. After one year of futility, since surpassed by Cleveland, the team drafted University of Houston All-American, Elvin Hayes. He was to be the drawing card when the team shifted to Houston. The only problem was that Hayes didn't see eye to eye with coach Tex Winter. Neither did the fans knock down the doors to see Houston play. Now Hayes is gone and Jack Marin and Jimmy Walker, both acquired in trades, are the nucleus of the club. The team will play the majority of its schedule in Houston with some games in San Antonio.

Houston has one of the most exciting players in the game in little Calvin Murphy (23), seen here escaping Walt Frazier of the Knicks.

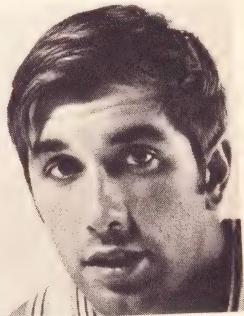
Key Players



CLIFF MEELEY
F, 6-8, 215, 2nd Yr., Age 25, Colorado
 The No. 1 draft choice of the Rockets last year after earning All-American honors at Colorado, Meely improved greatly as the season progressed and wound up averaging 9.9 points a game. Coach Tex Winter has worked hard on improving his defense and his tendency to commit fouls. Last year Meely paced the Rockets by fouling out of nine games—which was among the highest in the NBA. He has a wide range of shots and is versatile enough to even play the backcourt.



GREG SMITH
F, 6-5, 220, 5th Yr., Age 25, Western Kentucky
 A starter on the Milwaukee Bucks world championship team in 1971, Smith came to Houston early last season for Curtis Perry and a No. 1 draft pick. In 54 games with the Rockets he averaged 9.1 points a game and was outstanding on defense, especially in handling the top guards in the league. Smith had a great career at Western Kentucky but wasn't taken until the fourth round by the Bucks in 1968. A Milwaukee broadcaster dubbed him "Captain Marvel".



OTTO MOORE
C, 6-11, 220, 5th Yr., Age 26, Pan American
 Moore will be playing for his third team in the last three seasons in 1972-73. Originally drafted in the first round by Detroit in 1968, Moore played three full seasons with the Pistons before being traded to Phoenix. Last year, while sharing the center duties with Neal Walk, he averaged 7.6 points a game. He came to Houston in a trade for a No. 1 draft choice. Moore was an NAIA All-American at Pan American where he smashed all of Lucious Jackson's scoring and rebounding marks.



CALVIN MURPHY
G, 5-9, 165, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Niagara
 For many years, fans and management alike believed that the little man could never make it in the NBA. Murphy proved them wrong and has become one of the most exciting players in the league. After averaging 15.8 points a game as a rookie, Murphy upped his norm to 18.5 points last season, second best on the club behind Elvin Hayes. A three-time All American at Niagara where he averaged 33.1 points a game, Murphy was not selected until the second round of the 1970 draft. He was second on the Rockets in assists.

RUDY TOMJANOVICH
F, 6-8, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Michigan

One of the most improved players in the league last season, Tomjanovich averaged 15.0 points a game, well up from the 5.3 he averaged as a rookie. A former All-American at Michigan, Tomjanovich was the No. 1 draft pick of the Rockets in 1970. As a collegian, he averaged 25.1 points and 14 rebounds a game. He also averaged nearly 12 rebounds a game, second best on the club and his shooting percentage (.495) and defensive play were superb. He is quickly developing into one of the best young forwards in the league.



JIMMY WALKER
G, 6-3, 200, 6th Yr., Age 28, Providence
 Acquired from the Detroit Pistons during the off season for Stu Lantz, Walker will be counted on to supply the firepower in the backcourt. A temperamental player, Jimmy was an All-American at Providence and the No. 1 draft choice overall in 1967. He battled weight problems, missed planes and was a problem child his first couple of seasons. Walker is coming off his best season as a pro, averaging 21.3 points a game. He played in the 1970 All-Star game.



TEX WINTER
COACH

After a very slow start, coach Tex Winter turned the Rockets into one of the better clubs in the NBA over the last half of the season. He came to Houston with the reputation as one of college basketball's most successful coaches. He joined the Rockets after a career which spanned 20 years, the last three at Washington. Winter's teams posted a mark of 333-176 and he ranks seventh on the all time winning list. Previously he had taken Kansas State to the No. 1 ranking in the country in 1968-59.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

MIKE NEWLIN: G, 6-4, 220, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Utah (7.6)
 JACK MARIN: F, 6-6, 200, 7th Yr., Age 28, Duke (22.3)
 DICK GIBBS: F, 6-6, 210, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Texas-El Paso (3.7)
 DICK CUNNINGHAM: C, 6-10, 255, 5th Yr., Age 26, Murray State (2.7)

TOP ROOKIE

Although only a fifth-round draft pick, Jim Silas, a 6-3 guard, could turn out to be the big surprise of the season. He averaged nearly 30 points a game for Stephen F. Austin and was an NAIA All-American.

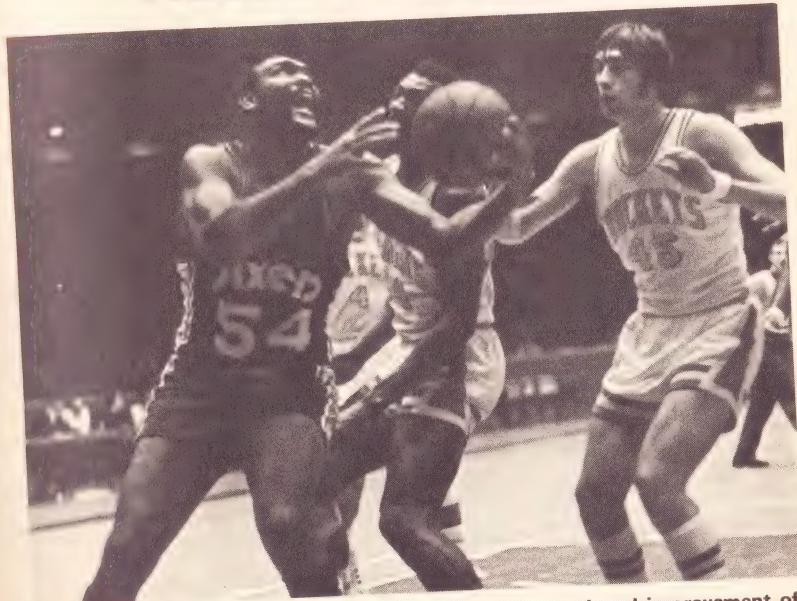
1972-1973 SCHEDULE

	HOME	AWAY
Fri., Oct. 20	Atlanta	
Sat., Oct. 21	Chicago	
Wed., Oct. 25	Los Angeles at San Antonio	
Fri., Oct. 27	Detroit	
Fri., Nov. 3	Atlanta	
Sat., Nov. 4	Detroit at San Antonio	
Sat., Nov. 11	Philadelphia at San Antonio	
Wed., Nov. 22	Golden State	
Sat., Nov. 25	Seattle	
Tue., Nov. 28	Baltimore at San Antonio	
Wed., Nov. 29	Baltimore at San Antonio	
Sat., Dec. 2	Kansas City-Omaha	
Fri., Dec. 8	Portland	
Wed., Dec. 20	New York at San Antonio	
Fri., Dec. 22	Philadelphia	
Tue., Dec. 26	Phoenix	
Wed., Dec. 27	Los Angeles	
Fri., Dec. 29	Milwaukee	
Tue., Jan. 2	Boston	
Wed., Jan. 3	Boston	
Fri., Jan. 12	New York	
Sat., Jan. 13	Cleveland	
Wed., Jan. 17	Golden State at San Antonio	
Fri., Jan. 19	Cleveland	
Sat., Jan. 20	Portland	
Sun., Jan. 21	New York	
Sun., Jan. 28	Atlanta	
Sun., Feb. 4	Buffalo at San Antonio	
Tue., Feb. 6	Philadelphia at San Antonio	
Fri., Feb. 9	Kansas City-Omaha	
Sat., Feb. 17	Phoenix	
Sun., Feb. 18	Chicago	
Wed., Feb. 21	Seattle at San Antonio	
Sun., Mar. 4	Milwaukee	
Wed., Mar. 7	Cleveland at San Antonio	
Fri., Mar. 9	Baltimore	
Sat., Mar. 10	Cleveland	
Sun., Mar. 11	Atlanta	
Sun., Mar. 25	Boston	
Tue., Mar. 27	Buffalo at San Antonio	
Wed., Mar. 28	Buffalo at San Antonio	
Fri., Oct. 13	At Cleveland	
Sat., Oct. 14	At Buffalo	
Tue., Oct. 17	At New York	
Tue., Oct. 31	At Atlanta	
Wed., Nov. 1	At Philadelphia	
Tue., Nov. 7	At Los Angeles	
Fri., Nov. 10	At Phoenix	
Tue., Nov. 14	At Baltimore	
Thu., Nov. 16	At New York	
Sat., Nov. 18	Kansas City at Omaha	
Tue., Nov. 21	At Chicago	
Fri., Dec. 1	At Baltimore	
Tue., Dec. 5	Warriors at Oakland	
Tue., Dec. 12	At Buffalo	
Fri., Dec. 15	At Baltimore	
Sat., Dec. 16	At Detroit	
Sun., Dec. 17	At Cleveland	
Thu., Jan. 4	At Chicago	
Sat., Jan. 6	At New York	
Sun., Jan. 7	At Cleveland	
Tue., Jan. 9	At Atlanta	
Wed., Jan. 10	At Boston	
Thu., Jan. 25	Milwaukee at Madison	
Fri., Jan. 26	At Boston	
Tue., Jan. 30	At Portland	
Wed., Jan. 31	At Seattle	
Fri., Feb. 2	At Los Angeles	
Sat., Feb. 3	At Phoenix	
Sat., Feb. 10	At Atlanta	
Tue., Feb. 13	At Kansas City	
Fri., Feb. 16	At Milwaukee	
Fri., Feb. 23	Philadelphia at Hershey	
Sun., Feb. 25	At Detroit	
Tue., Feb. 27	At Buffalo	
Sat., Mar. 3	At Atlanta	
Thu., Mar. 15	Warriors at Oakland	
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Tue., Mar. 20	Boston at Providence	
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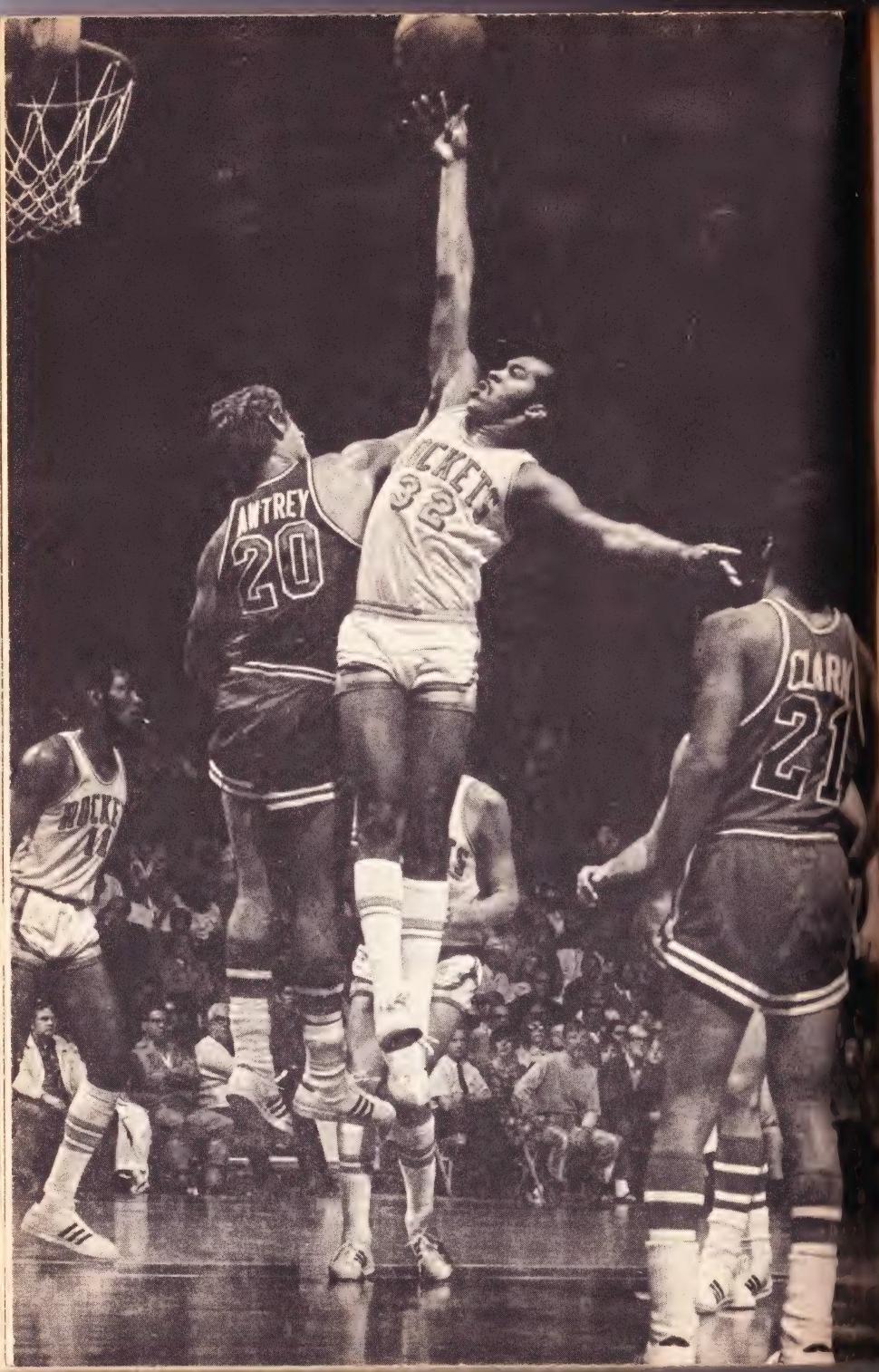
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

HOUSTON	G	Min.	FG			FT			FT			Rbnd	Ast	PF	Tot.	Avg.
			FG	Pct.	FTA	Pct.	Rbnd	Ast	Pts.							
Hayes.....	82	3461	.832	.1918	.434	.399	.615	.649	1197	270	.233	2063	25.2			
Lantz.....	81	3097	.557	.1279	.435	.387	.462	.838	345	337	.211	1501	18.5			
Murphy.....	82	2538	.571	.1255	.455	.349	.392	.880	258	393	.298	1491	18.2			
Tomjanovich.....	78	2689	.500	.1010	.495	.172	.238	.723	923	117	.193	1172	15.0			
Meely.....	77	1815	.315	.776	.406	.133	.197	.675	507	119	.254	763	9.9			
Smith (Tot.).....	82	2256	.309	.671	.461	.111	.168	.661	483	222	.259	729	8.9			
Smith (Hou.).....	54	1519	.212	.473	.448	.70	.110	.636	322	159	.167	494	9.1			
Newlin.....	82	1495	.256	.618	.414	.108	.144	.750	228	135	.233	620	7.6			
Siegfried.....	10	223	.18	.46	.391	.12	.14	.857	10	20	.21	48	4.8			
Adams.....	3	41	.6	.19	.316	.1	.2	.500	8	3	.7	13	4.3			
Davis (Tot.).....	23	299	.26	.87	.299	.36	.56	.643	80	13	.32	88	3.8			
Davis (Hou.).....	12	180	.18	.54	.333	.26	.38	.684	44	5	.18	62	5.2			
Gibbs.....	64	757	.80	.265	.340	.55	.66	.833	140	51	.127	235	3.7			
Perry.....	25	355	.38	.115	.330	.12	.24	.500	122	22	.47	88	3.5			
Valley (Tot.).....	49	366	.69	.171	.404	.30	.45	.667	32	37	.50	168	3.4			
Valley (Hou.).....	40	256	.49	.128	.383	.17	.25	.680	21	28	.37	115	2.9			
Egan.....	38	437	.42	.104	.404	.26	.32	.813	73	22	.33	76	2.8			
McLemore (Tot.).....	27	246	.28	.71	.394	.20	.24	.833	39	10	.15	47	2.8			
McLemore (Hou.).....	17	147	.19	.43	.442	.9	.12	.750	243	57	.76	171	2.7			
Cunningham.....	63	720	.67	.174	.385	.37	.53	.698								

Rockets in Action



Much of the Rockets' future success depends on the continued improvement of big Rudy Tomjanovich (45).



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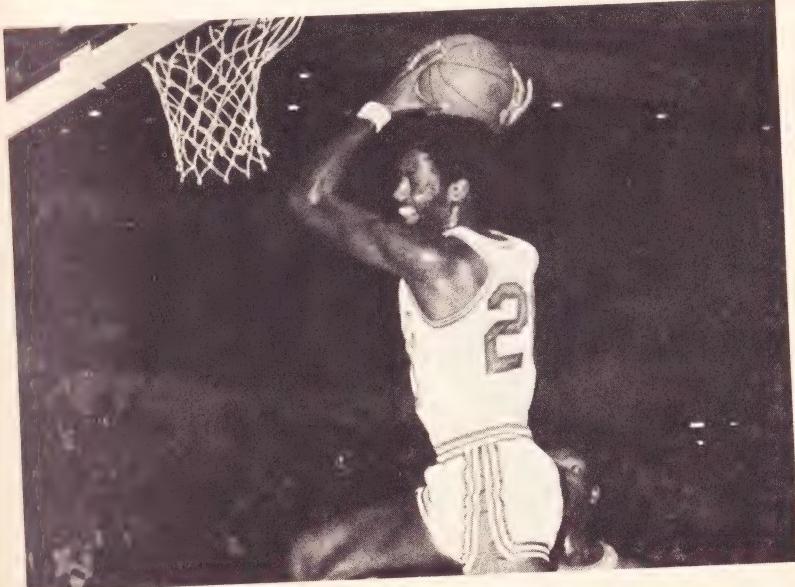
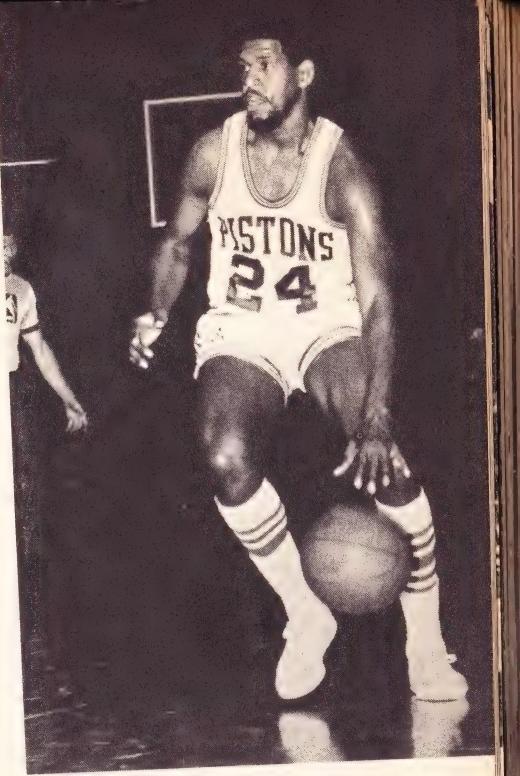
Don Adams (32), a real leaper, goes skyward to take tap from Phoenix foe.

Right:

Jimmy Walker, obtained in a trade with Detroit, figures to be key man for Rockets in 1972-73.

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Another ex-Piston, 6-11 Otto Moore, brings rebounding strength and scoring punch to Houston.



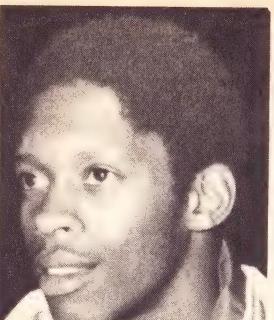


KANSAS CITY-OMAHA KINGS

After years of failing to win a championship in Cincinnati and playing to empty stands, the franchise has been moved to, not one, but two cities—Kansas City-Omaha, the first of this type since Tri Cities in the early days of the league. This is Kansas City's second shot at pro ball. The city had a pro franchise in the original American Basketball League in the late 50s and early 60s. Omaha had served as a part time home for Cincinnati over the past couple of seasons. The original franchise came into existence in Rochester in 1948 when it immediately won a division title and capped it off with a world championship in 1951. Then the team's standouts were Bob Davies and Bob Wanzer. Since moving from Rochester to Cincinnati in 1957, the Royals had such individual stars as Jack Twyman, Maurice Stokes, Oscar Robertson and Jerry Lucas—yet no title. Now there's a new look with coach Bob Cousy and his run-and-shoot game led by Nate Archibald. The team, now known as the Kings, is still a long way from being a contender, but it will be exciting and will bring in the fans.

Kansas City-Omaha has one of the league's greatest all-around performers in speedy Nate Archibald (left).

Key Players



NATE ARCHIBALD

G, 6-1, 150, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Texas at El Paso
 One of the most exciting players in the NBA, Archibald finished last season as the second leading scorer (28.2) and just missed earning a first team All-Star berth. He did make the second team backcourt. Archibald has super quickness and showed the ability to drive the middle and challenge one and all. He was a second-round draft pick in 1970 and averaged 16 points a game as a rookie. Archibald also ranked third in the league in assists with 701 for an average of 9.2 per game.

TOM VAN ARSDALE

F-G, 6-5, 215, 8th Yr., Age 29, Indiana

Captain and team leader since the departure of Oscar Robertson, Van Arsdale is coming off his third outstanding season in a row. He hit for 22.9 points a game two years ago and followed it up with a 19.2 average last season. Originally drafted by Detroit, Van Arsdale, whose brother (Dick) plays for Phoenix, came to Cincinnati during the 1967-68 season. For two straight years, he opposed his brother in All-Star games. He was an All-American at Indiana during his collegiate days.



KEN DURRETT

F, 6-7, 190, 2nd Yr., Age 24, LaSalle

Durrett was the No. 1 draft choice of Cincinnati last season after an outstanding college career at LaSalle. He came to the Royals with a history of knee problems. Prior to joining the club, Durrett had used therapy to strengthen his knee but it failed and 19 games into the season, he was sidelined again with an operation. In his short career, thus far, Durrett averaged 4.4 points per game. If he's well, he'll make an important contribution to the team's fast break attack.



OTHER KEY VETERANS

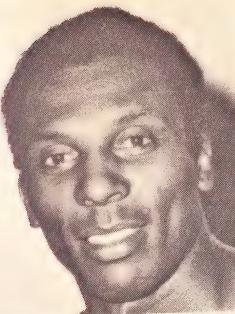
DON KOJIS: F, 6-6, 200, 10th Yr., Age 33, Marquette (11.4)

JOHN MENGET: G, 6-2½, 195, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Auburn (10.0)

PETE CROSS: C, 6-9, 230, 3rd Yr., Age 24, San Francisco (5.5)

TOP ROOKIE

Mike Ratliff has been playing competitive ball only five years, but the 6-10 center could develop into a big star. He averaged 18 points, 13 rebounds and seven blocked shots a game for Eau Clarie State and was an NAIA All-American.



JOHNNY GREEN

F-C, 6-6, 210, 14th Yr., Age 39, Michigan State

Along with Wilt Chamberlain of the Los Angeles Lakers, Green is the oldest active player in the league. Still, at the age of 39, he displays the same hustle as his rookie campaign. Three years ago, Green's pro career appeared in jeopardy when he was placed on waivers by Philadelphia. Prior to 1971-72, Green had led the NBA in field goal shooting percentage each of the two previous seasons. Last year he hit .569 but didn't have enough attempts to qualify. Green averaged 9.8 points a game.



SAM LACEY

C, 6-10, 225, 3rd Yr., Age 24, New Mexico State

The top draft pick of the Royals in 1970, Lacey may yet be the big man the team has been seeking. Big and strong, Lacey was brought along slowly as a rookie and averaged 13.5 points and 11 rebounds a game. Last year his point production dipped to 11.6 but the overall game improved, especially defense. Lacey still shot poorly (.422) for a big man and must improve on that phase of the game. He was an All-American at New Mexico State.



NATE WILLIAMS

F-G, 6-5, 215, 2nd Yr., Age 22, Utah State

Taken in the hardship draft, Williams passed up his last season of eligibility at Utah State to sign with the Royals. He was considered their No. 1 choice for 1972. Cousy used Nate as both a starter and top reserve, playing in all but one game. He averaged 11.9 points, shooting .432 from the floor. Williams led the Royals in disqualifications, fouling out of 11 games. He averaged 19.6 points a game in college.



BOB COUSY

COACH

A member of the NBA's Silver Anniversary team, Bob Cousy is in his fourth season of coaching. In his first three seasons, he completely rebuilt a club, incorporating a run-and-shoot attack. Prior to joining the Royals (Kings), Cousy coached six seasons at Boston College, compiling a record of 117-34 with five post-season tournaments. As a player he was the MVP in 1957 and a first team All-NBA selection 10 times. Cousy played on six world championship teams with the Boston Celtics.

1972-1973 SCHEDULE

HOME

Wed., Oct. 11 Los Angeles at Omaha
 Sat., Oct. 14 Detroit at Kansas City
 Thu., Oct. 19 Baltimore at Kansas City
 Sat., Oct. 21 Atlanta at Kansas City
 Tue., Oct. 24 Los Angeles at Kansas City
 Thu., Oct. 26 Milwaukee at Kansas City
 Wed., Nov. 1 New York at Omaha
 Wed., Nov. 8 Philadelphia at Omaha
 Tue., Nov. 14 Buffalo at Omaha
 Wed., Nov. 15 Seattle at Kansas City
 Fri., Nov. 17 Cleveland at Kansas City
 Sat., Nov. 18 Houston at Omaha
 Tue., Nov. 21 Phoenix at Kansas City
 Sat., Nov. 25 Golden State at Kansas City
 Wed., Nov. 29 Portland at Kansas City
 Fri., Dec. 1 Chicago at Kansas City
 Sun., Dec. 10 Atlanta at Kansas City
 Tue., Dec. 12 Cleveland at Omaha
 Fri., Dec. 15 Detroit at Omaha
 Mon., Dec. 18 Portland at Kansas City
 Wed., Dec. 20 Seattle at Omaha
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 Mon., Dec. 25 Milwaukee at Kansas City
 Fri., Jan. 5 Detroit at Kansas City
 Sat., Jan. 6 Phoenix at Omaha
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 Wed., Jan. 10 Chicago at Omaha
 Thu., Jan. 11 Golden State at Kansas City
 Mon., Jan. 15 Philadelphia at Kansas City
 Tue., Jan. 16 Seattle at Kansas City
 Thu., Feb. 1 Golden State at Omaha
 Wed., Feb. 7 Milwaukee at Kansas City
 Sat., Feb. 10 Chicago at Kansas City
 Tue., Feb. 13 Houston at Kansas City
 Wed., Feb. 14 Boston at Omaha
 Thu., Feb. 22 Milwaukee at Omaha
 Sun., Feb. 25 Phoenix at Kansas City
 Thu., Mar. 8 Baltimore at Omaha
 Mon., Mar. 19 Portland at Omaha
 Tue., Mar. 20 Buffalo at Kansas City
 Wed., Mar. 21 Los Angeles at Kansas City

AWAY

Sat., Oct. 28 At Buffalo
 Sun., Oct. 29 At Cleveland
 Tue., Oct. 31 At Chicago
 Fri., Nov. 3 At Philadelphia
 Sat., Nov. 4 At Boston
 Fri., Nov. 10 At Seattle
 Sun., Nov. 12 At Portland
 Fri., Nov. 24 At Milwaukee
 Tue., Nov. 28 At Chicago
 Sat., Dec. 2 At Houston
 Tue., Dec. 5 At New York
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 Fri., Dec. 8 At Detroit
 Sat., Dec. 9 At Baltimore
 Sun., Dec. 17 At Phoenix
 Tue., Dec. 19 At Atlanta
 Tue., Dec. 26 At Chicago
 Fri., Dec. 29 At Los Angeles
 Sat., Dec. 30 Warriors at Oakland
 Tue., Jan. 2 At Portland
 Wed., Jan. 3 At Seattle
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 Thu., Jan. 18 At Phoenix
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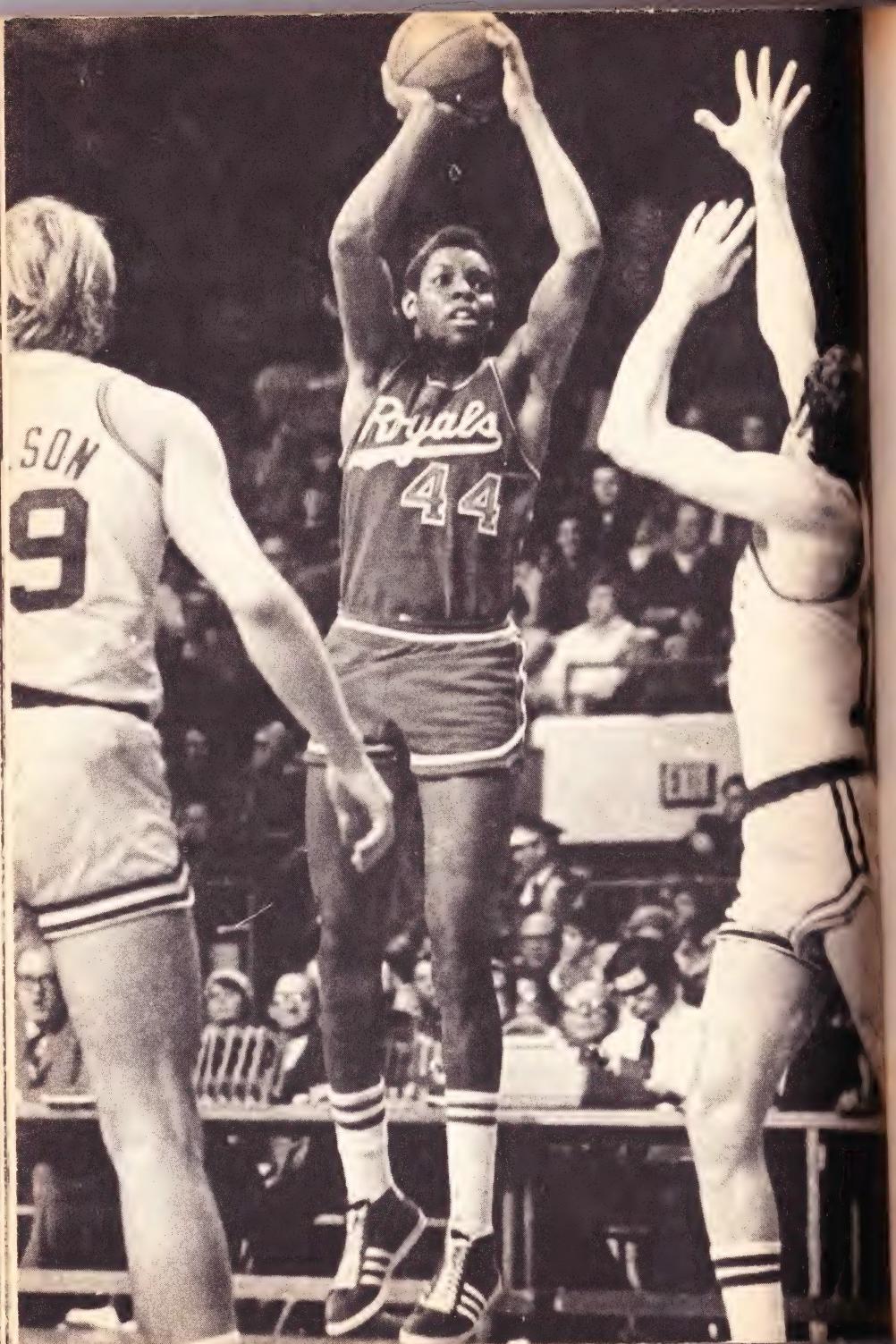
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

	G	Min.	FG	FGA	FG Pct.	FT	FTA	FT Pct.	Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
KANSAS CITY													
Archibald	76	3272	734	1511	.486	677	824	.822	222	701	198	2145	28.2
Van Arsdale	73	2598	550	1205	.456	299	396	.755	350	198	241	1399	19.2
Williams	81	2173	418	968	.432	127	172	.738	372	174	300	963	11.9
Lacey	81	2832	410	972	.422	119	169	.704	968	173	284	939	11.6
Fox (Tot.)	81	2180	354	788	.449	227	297	.764	713	86	257	935	11.5
Fox (Cin.)	71	2047	334	735	.454	207	269	.770	659	80	236	875	12.3
Mengelt	78	1438	287	605	.474	208	252	.825	148	146	163	782	10.0
Green	82	1914	331	582	.569	141	250	.564	560	120	238	803	9.8
Gunkas	61	1975	191	385	.496	64	83	.771	142	321	150	446	7.3
Van Lier	10	275	28	90	.311	17	22	.773	58	51	32	73	7.3
Jones (Tot.)	17	202	28	72	.389	20	31	.645	26	12	22	76	4.5
Jones (Cin.)	11	161	22	54	.407	13	21	.619	20	10	19	57	5.2
Durrett	19	233	31	79	.392	21	28	.750	39	14	41	83	4.4
McGregor	42	532	66	182	.363	39	56	.696	148	18	120	171	4.1
Taylor (Tot.)	34	283	36	117	.308	15	32	.469	54	18	40	87	2.6
Taylor (Cin.)	21	214	30	90	.333	11	19	.579	37	11	32	71	3.4
Imhoff	9	76	10	29	.345	3	8	.375	27	2	22	23	2.6
Eatlett	9	40	2	9	.222	2	9	.222	4	1	3	6	0.7

Kings in Action



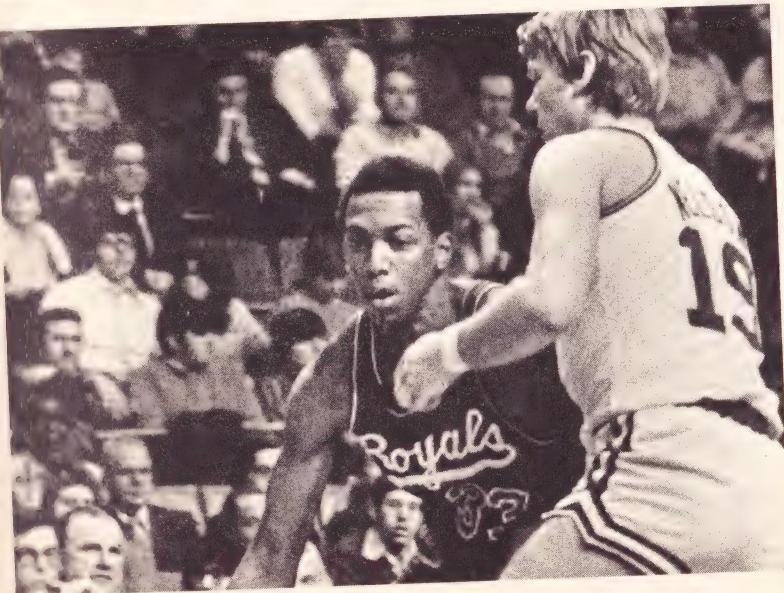
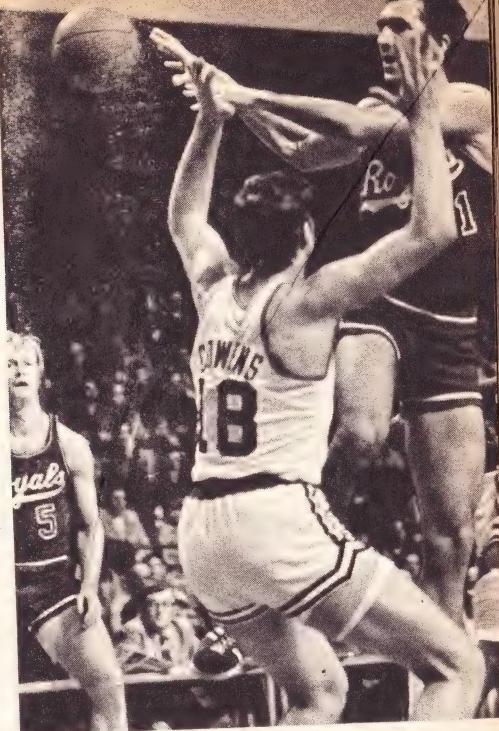
Nate Williams (22) takes a pass from veteran play-maker Tom Van Arsdale (5).

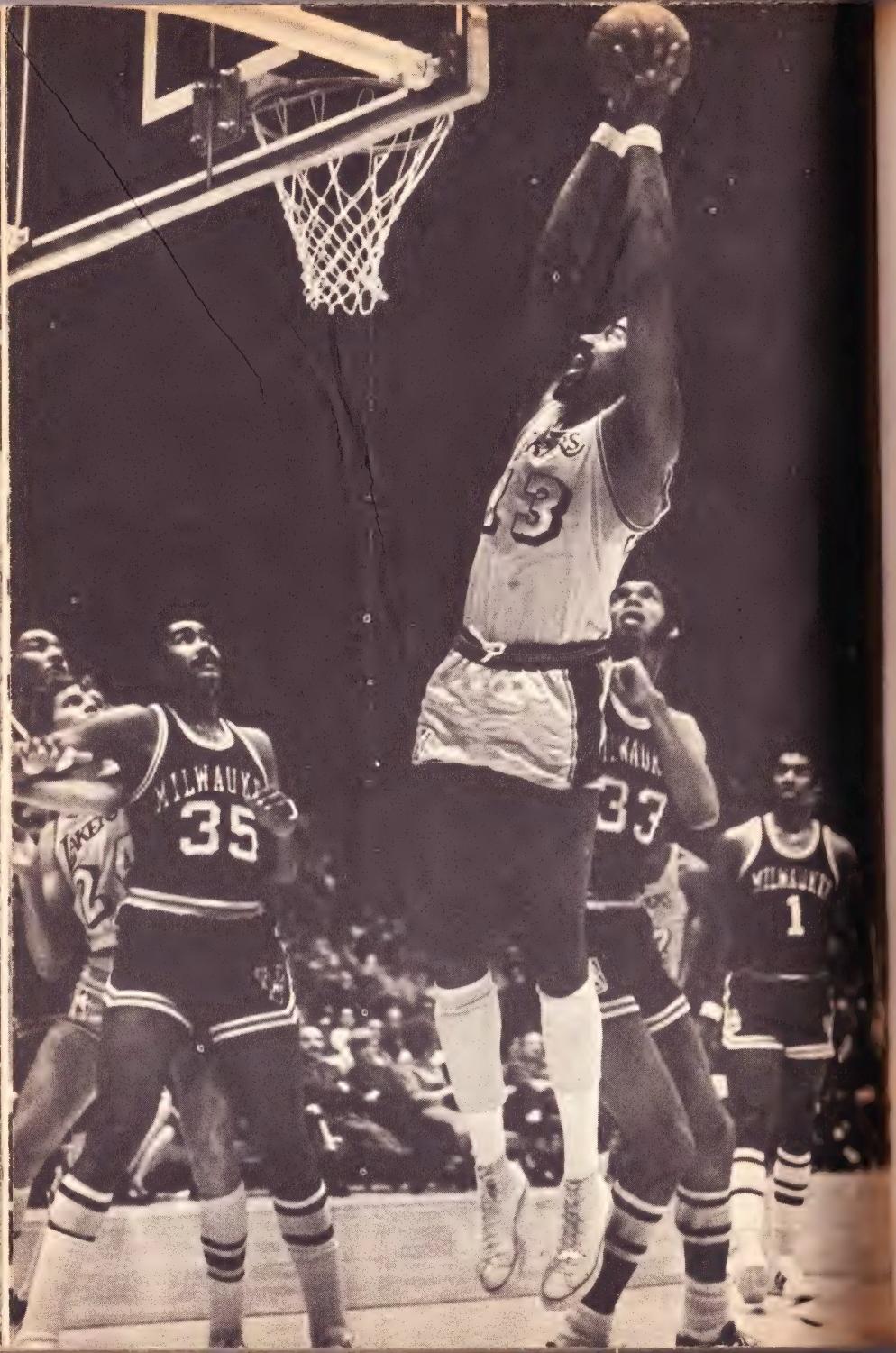


Left:
In Sam Lacey (44), the Royals have a bright young star and a fine shooter.

Right:
Big Jim Fox fires two-handed pass over the head of Boston's Dave Cowens (18).

Above:
Royals' foes figure to have trouble containing speedy young Ken Durrett (33), a real hard-driver.





LOS ANGELES LAKERS

One of the most successful of all franchises, the Lakers came into existence in Minneapolis in 1949 and proceeded to win five world championships in their first six years. The team was led by George Mikan, first of the "big" men, and coached by John Kundla. From then on it was downhill until 1961 when Bob Short moved the team to Los Angeles, where it was acquired by Jack Kent Cooke. Until last season, when they finally won the NBA championship, the Lakers had been known as "bridesmaids." They were Western Division champs in 1962, '63, '66, '68, '69 and '70, losing in the championship round each time. Last year, Los Angeles again won the division title and during one stretch in the season captured 33 straight games. The Lakers are now coached by Bill Sharman and still have two of the biggest superstars in the game—Wilt Chamberlain and Jerry West. Now they've added Travis (The Machine) Grant, a three-time NAIA All-American and college basketball's all-time leading scorer with 4,045 points. They are the favorites to win it all again. The Forum will be rocking as the Lakers seek to repeat.

Wilt Chamberlain (13), out-leaping Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (33) for this rebound, sparked Lakers to world title last year.

Key Players



WILT CHAMBERLAIN

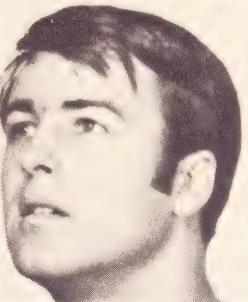
C, 7-1, 275, 14th Yr., Age 36, Kansas
The most valuable player in the 1972 playoffs, Chamberlain also became the only player in NBA history to score more than 30,000 points in a career. He holds the following single game marks: most points in a game (100), most field goal attempts (63), most FGs made (36), most consecutive field goals (18), most free throws attempted (34), most free throws made (28), most rebounds (55). Chamberlain is the all-time leader in rebounding, has the highest single season scoring average (50.4) and has never fouled out of a game (963).



KEITH ERICKSON

G-F, 6-5, 195, 8th Yr., Age 28, UCLA

A teammate of Gail Goodrich's at UCLA, Erickson joined the Lakers in 1969 after having played with San Francisco and Chicago. He developed into an excellent forward, averaging 11.3 points a game two seasons ago. Last year was one that Erickson would like to forget about. He was injured twice and had to undergo knee surgery. In 15 games, he averaged only 5.5 points. Erickson is an outstanding defensive player and quick enough to handle guards.



GAIL GOODRICH

G, 6-1, 175, 8th Yr., Age 29, UCLA

When Goodrich was re-acquired by the Lakers from Phoenix before the start of the 1970 season, he became the first player in NBA history to return to his original club after having been lost in expansion. Goodrich began his career with LA in 1965 after leading UCLA to two consecutive national championships. Last year, Goodrich had his best pro season, leading the Lakers in scoring during the regular season with a 25.9 average. He hit at a 23.9 norm in the playoffs.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

FLYNN ROBINSON: G, 6-1, 190, 7th Yr., Age 31, Wyoming (9.9)

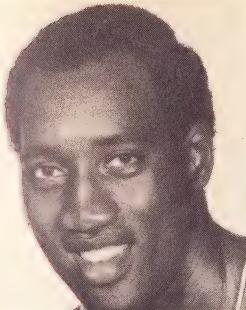
PAT RILEY: G, 6-4, 205, 6th Yr., Age 27, Kentucky (6.7)

JOHN TRAPP: F, 6-7, 215, 5th Yr., Age 27, Nevada Southern (5.7)

LeROY ELLIS: C, 6-11, 220, 11th Yr., Age 32, St. John's (4.6)

OTHER KEY VETERANS

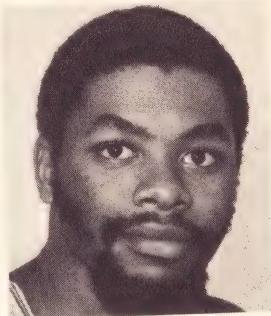
Travis Grant, a 6-8 forward, is the greatest scorer in college basketball history. In four seasons at Kentucky State, Grant scored 4,045 points. He was winner of the Naismith award, given to the top senior. Grant is known as "The Machine."



HAPPY HAIRSTON

F, 6-7, 225, 9th Yr., Age 30, NYU

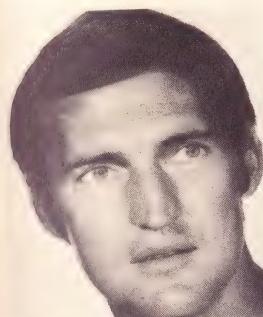
Acquired by the Lakers from Detroit midway through the 1969-70 season, Hairston has become the strong rebounding forward the Lakers have needed. Last year he averaged better than 13 caroms a game and scored at a 13.1 norm. Originally drafted by Cincinnati on the fourth round in 1964, Hairston is now considered one of the premier offensive rebounding forwards in the league. He is also the enforcer on the Lakers.



JIM MC MILLIAN

F, 6-5, 225, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Columbia

The Lakers' top draft pick in 1970 after an outstanding college career at Columbia, McMillian has, in two years, shown the potential to become a superstar in the NBA. He has the best all-around game on the Lakers. Last season he averaged 18.8 points a game, shooting .482 from the floor. He was third on the club in rebounding and second in total playing time. And he didn't foul out of one game.



JERRY WEST

G, 6-3, 180, 13th Yr., Age 34, West Virginia

Truly one of the greatest players to ever play the game, West signed a contract during the off-season valued at \$600,000 for two years. He is one of only seven players to have scored more than 20,000 regular season points; he is the all-time playoff scoring leader, an 11-time member of the all-star team and a first or second team selection to the All League team 11 times. Last year, the former West Virginia star averaged 25.8 points (seventh best in the NBA) and won the assist title (747 for a 9.7 average).



BILL SHARMAN

COACH

Bill Sharman has shown that he is truly one of the great coaches in professional basketball history. In the early 1960s, he took the Cleveland Pipers to a championship. Then, in 1971, Sharman coached the Utah Stars to the American Basketball Association title. He finally guided the Lakers to their first world championship in the NBA since the club moved to the West Coast. Sharman was a former great player with the Boston Celtics where he was known as a premier foul shooter. He was a member of the NBA's Silver Anniversary Team.

1972-1973 SCHEDULE

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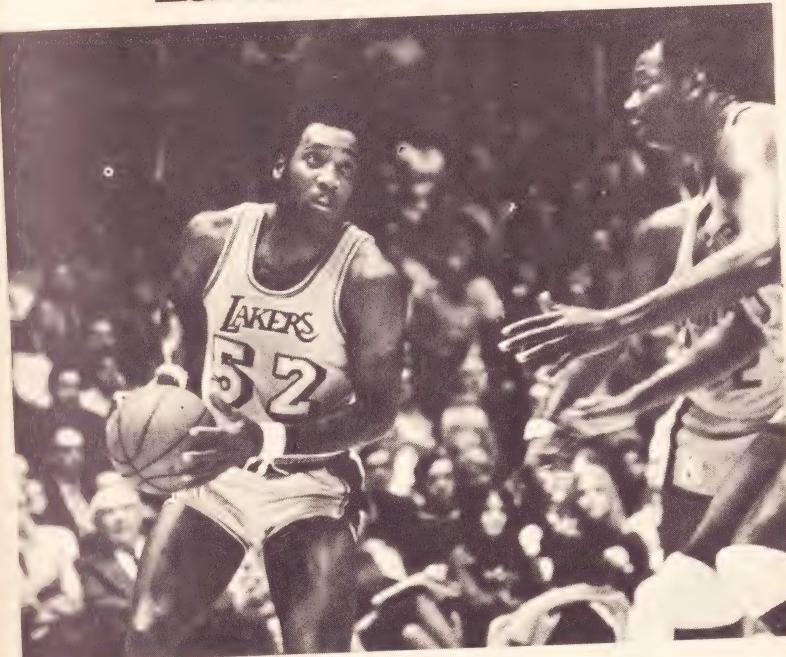
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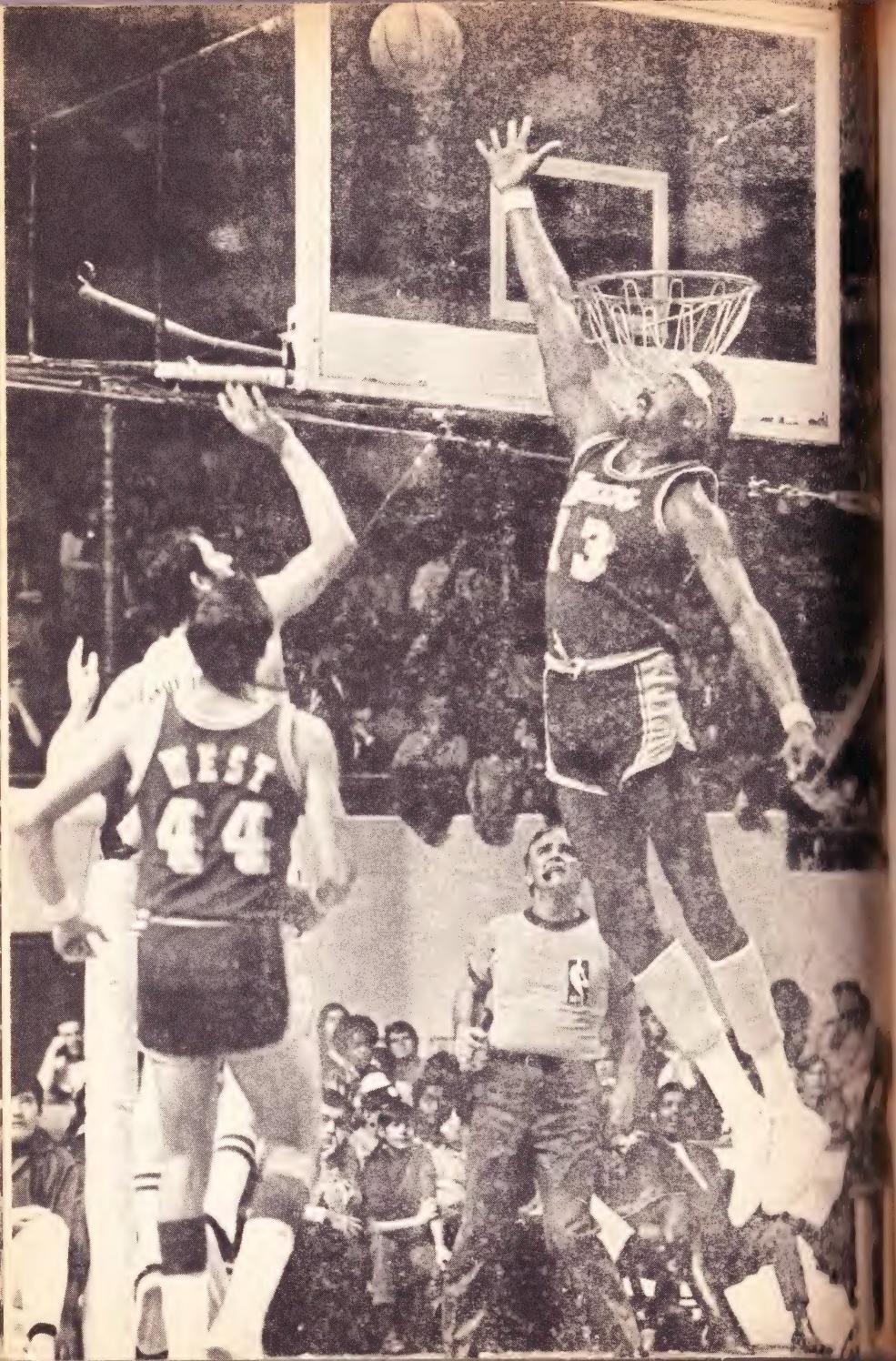
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

LOS ANGELES	G	Min.	FG	FGA	FG Pct.	FT	FTA	FT Pct.	Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Goodrich.....	82	3040	826	1695	.487	475	559	.850	295	365	210	2127	25.9
West.....	72	2973	735	1540	.477	515	633	.814	327	747	209	1985	25.8
McMillian.....	80	3050	642	1331	.482	219	277	.791	522	208	209	1503	18.8
Chamberlain.....	82	3469	496	764	.649	221	524	.422	1572	329	196	1213	14.8
Hairston.....	80	2748	368	798	.461	311	399	.779	1045	193	251	1047	13.1
Baylor.....	9	239	42	97	.433	22	27	.815	57	18	20	106	11.8
Robinson.....	64	1007	262	535	.490	111	129	.860	115	138	139	635	9.9
Riley.....	67	926	197	441	.447	55	74	.743	127	75	110	449	6.7
Trapp.....	58	759	139	314	.443	51	73	.699	180	42	130	329	5.7
Erickson.....	15	262	40	83	.482	6	7	.857	39	35	26	86	5.7
Ellis.....	74	1081	138	300	.460	66	95	.695	310	46	115	342	4.6
Clemons.....	38	201	35	100	.350	28	36	.778	39	35	21	98	2.6

Lakers in Action



The veteran Happy Hairston (52) heads a strong Laker bench unit.



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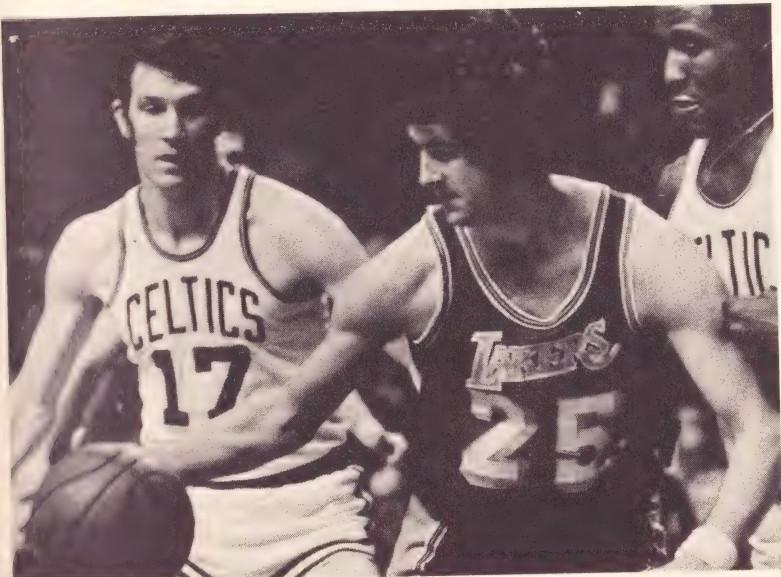
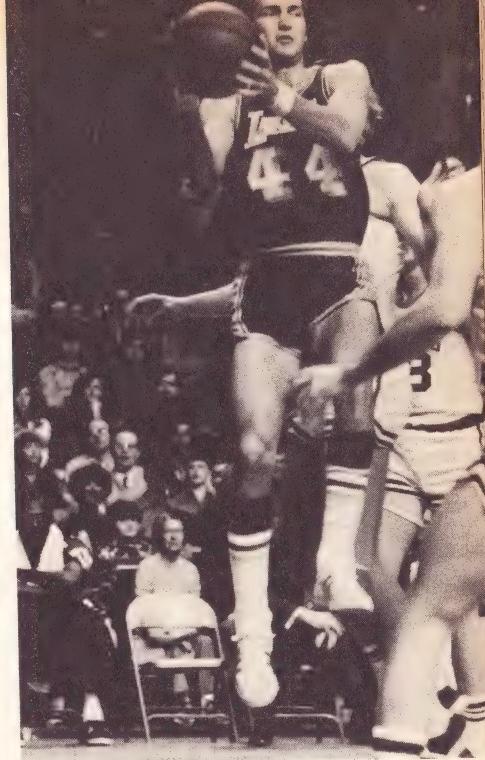
Chamberlain (13) doing what he does best—blocking a shot by the opposition. Jerry West is No. 44.

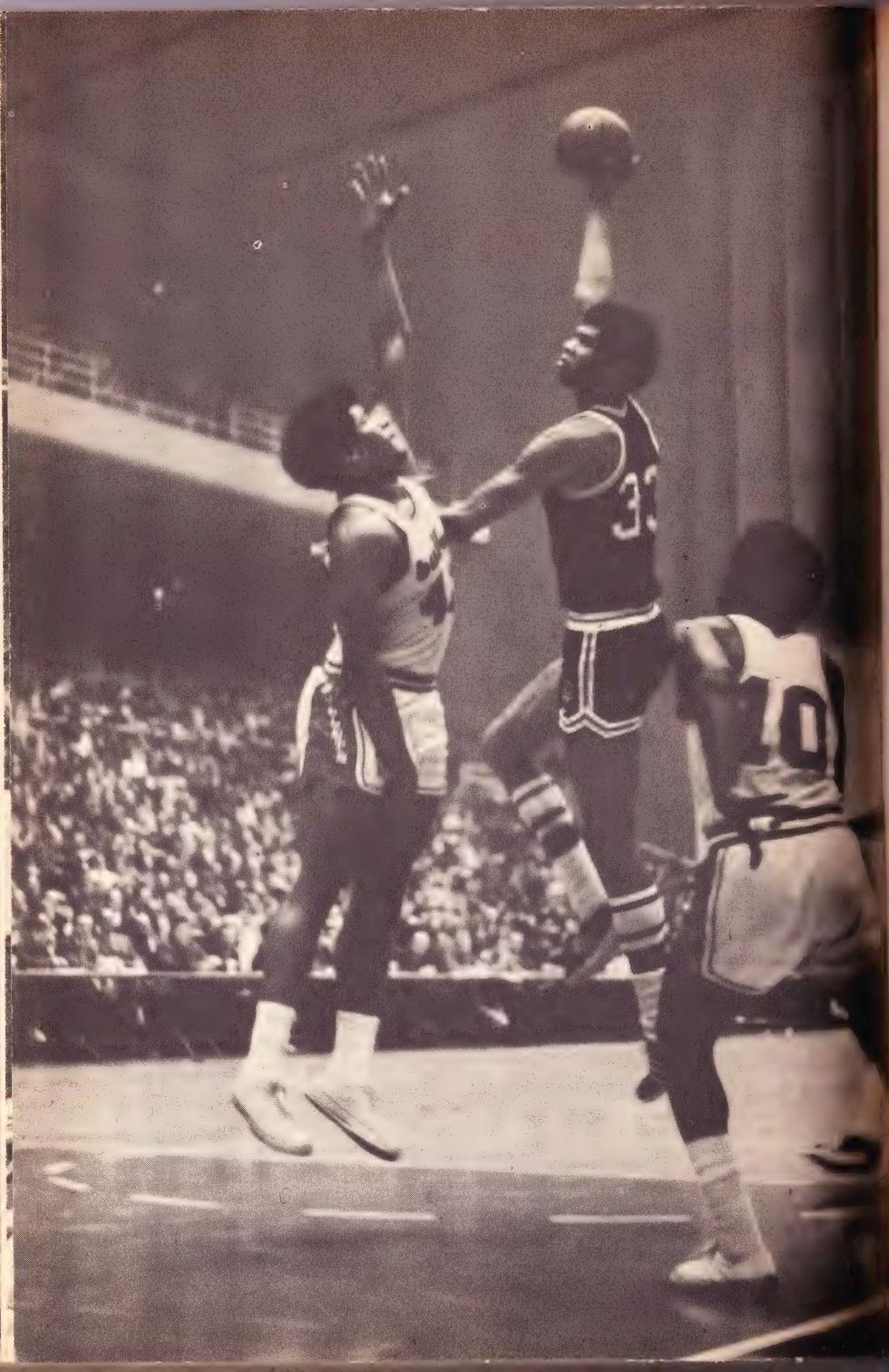
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Jerry West (44) is a great shooter who also led the entire NBA in assists last year.

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West's partner in the Laker backcourt is Gail Goodrich (25), a fine play-maker and scorer.



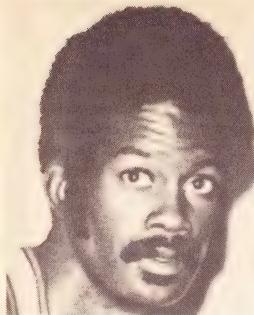


MILWAUKEE BUCKS

The flip of a coin in March of 1969 established the Milwaukee Bucks as a championship contender until possibly the beginning of the 1980s. In that monumental toss, called wrongly by Phoenix, the Bucks earned the draft rights to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Lew Alcindor). Two years later, Milwaukee was the National Basketball Association's champion. Pro basketball had originally been a part of the Milwaukee scene in the early 50s when the team which is now the Atlanta Hawks played there. When the Hawks moved to St. Louis in 1955, it left Milwaukee without pro ball until 1968 when a franchise was awarded to a group headed by Wes Pavalon and Marv Fishman. Larry Costello was named head coach and Jon McGlocklin and Charlie Paultk were picked first in the expansion and college drafts, respectively. Two years ago, the Bucks added all-time NBA great Oscar Robertson to their squad and through it all attendance has reached the near capacity level, more than 10,000 per game. The Bucks lost their grip on the crown last year, losing to the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Division finals. Milwaukee will be a contender again, but how far the team goes will depend on Jabbar's supporting cast. One man can't do it by himself.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (33), hooking over Baltimore's Wes Unseld, makes Bucks playoff favorites in West.

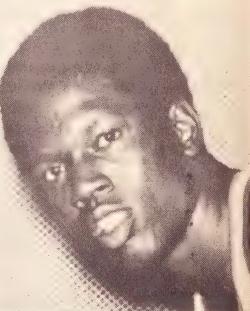
Key Players



LUCIUS ALLEN

G, 6-2, 175, 4th Yr., Age 25, UCLA

After struggling for nearly two and a half years, Allen finally put his game together and became a potent force in the backcourt last season, especially in the playoffs. The No. 1 draft choice of Seattle in 1969, he came to the Bucks prior to the start of the 1970 season and averaged 7.1 points a game. Allen upped the total to 13.5 last year and scored at a 17.9 norm in the playoffs. He was an All-American at UCLA where he teamed with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Lew Alcindor) on two Bruin national championship teams.



BOB DANDRIDGE

F, 6-6, 195, 4th Yr., Age 25, Norfolk State

The best fourth round draft choice Milwaukee made. Dandridge has been outstanding during his three previous pro seasons, all as a starting forward. After averaging 13.2 as a rookie, Dandridge has scored at an 18.4 norm the past two seasons. He is considered by most teams as the "key" to the Milwaukee attack. Dandridge has a career shooting percentage of nearly .500. He was superb during the playoffs, hitting for 21.5 points a game.



KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR

C, 7-4, 240, 4th Yr., Age 25, UCLA

The most dominant force in pro basketball, Jabbar will be attempting to join Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain as the only players in league history to win the MVP award three consecutive seasons. The big center is shooting for his third consecutive scoring title, having averaged 31.7 and 34.8 points per game respectively the last two seasons. He was the No. 1 draft pick of the Bucks in 1969 after leading UCLA to three consecutive NCAA titles. He was twice named College Player of the Year and was a unanimous choice as Rookie-of-the-Year.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

WALLY JONES: G, 6-2, 185, 9th Yr., Age 30, Villanova (7.5)

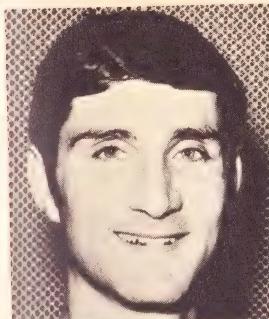
TOBY KIMBALL: F, 6-8, 225, 7th Yr., Age 30 Connecticut (3.5)

CHUCK LOWERY: G, 6-3, 185, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Puget Sound (2.3)

BARRY NELSON: C, 6-10, 230, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Duquesne (1.3)

TOP ROOKIE

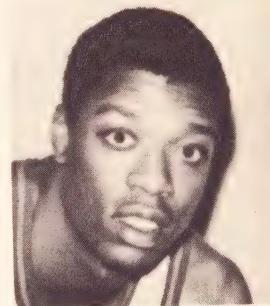
Russell Lee, a 6-5 forward who has an excellent outside shot and is equally adept inside, was an All-American at Marshall where he averaged more than 20 points a game. He was a first round pick.



JON McGLOCKLIN

G, 6-5, 205, 8th Yr., Age 29, Indiana

The only original member of the Milwaukee Bucks remaining, McGlocklin was relegated to a part time starter last year and wound up with a 10.7 average, his lowest since the 1966-67 season. He was first taken by Cincinnati in the third round of the draft after a great career at Indiana. McGlocklin then spent one year with San Diego. He is one of the best percentage shooters in the league both from the field and at the free throw line. For the last three years, McGlocklin has hit better than 50 per cent of his field goal attempts.



CURTIS PERRY

F, 6-7, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Southwest Mo. State

A pleasant surprise for the Bucks, Perry really came into his own in the playoffs when he was a dominant force on the boards. He came to Milwaukee in an early season trade for Don Smith and a No. 1 draft choice. A small college All-American at Southwest Missouri State, Perry was originally drafted in 1970 on the third round by San Diego. He averaged only 2.3 points as a rookie, upping that total to 7.0 with the Bucks last season. Perry will likely be a starter.



OSCAR ROBERTSON

G, 6-5, 220, 13th Yr., Age 35, Cincinnati

Robertson, the greatest all-around guard in the history of pro basketball, is coming off an injury-riddled season. A thigh injury limited his effectiveness during the latter half of the campaign and especially during the playoffs. He averaged 17.4 points, the lowest of his career. Robertson was originally the No. 1 draft choice of Cincinnati in 1960 and has become the all-time NBA assist leader and the second top scorer. He came to the Bucks in 1970. The "Big O" has played in 12 consecutive All-Star games.



LARRY COSTELLO

COACH

Larry Costello has been the only coach of the Milwaukee Bucks since the franchise was granted. In his initial year, the Bucks were 27-55 and followed it up with a 56-26 mark and a second place finish in 1970. The following year, Milwaukee won the World Championship. Last season the Bucks won the Midwest Division title but were eliminated in the Western Conference championships. Costello was a standout collegiate player with Niagara and played in the NBA with Syracuse and Philadelphia.

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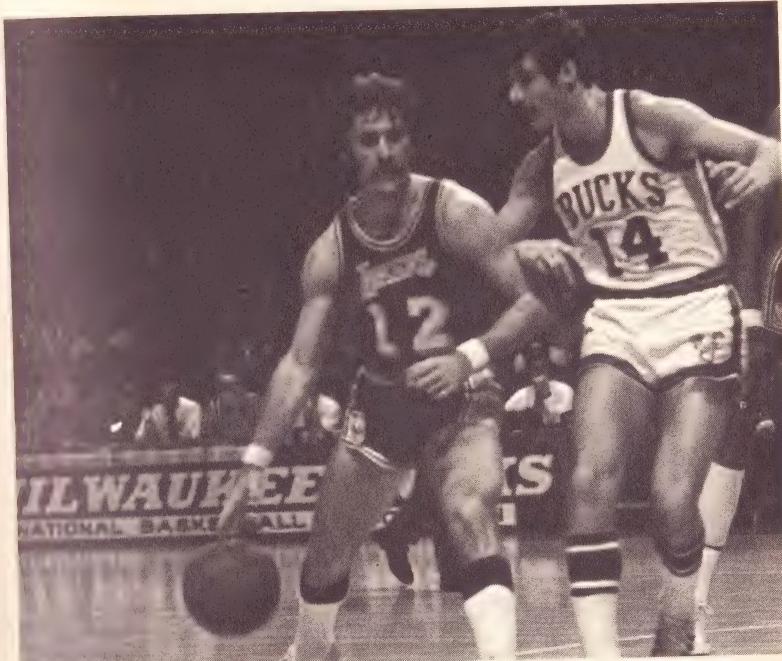
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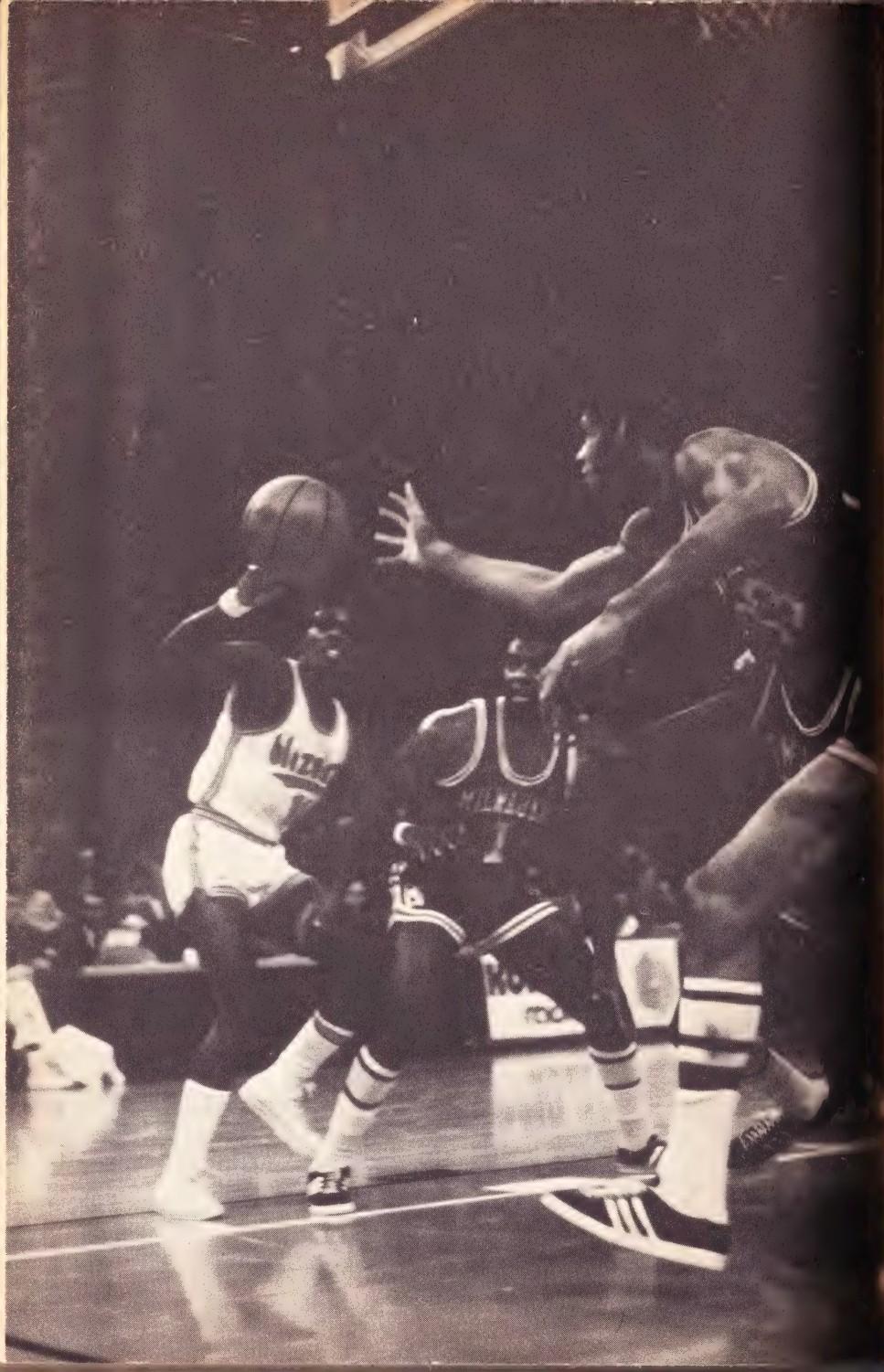
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

MILWAUKEE	G	Min.	FG			FT			Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
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Jabbar	81	3583	1159	2019	.574	504	732	.689	1346	370	235	2822	34.8
Dandridge	80	2957	630	1264	.498	215	291	.739	613	249	297	1475	18.4
Robertson	64	2390	419	887	.472	276	330	.836	323	491	116	1114	17.4
Allen	80	2316	441	874	.505	198	259	.764	254	333	214	1080	13.5
McGlocklin	80	2213	374	733	.510	109	126	.865	181	231	146	857	10.7
Block	79	1524	233	530	.440	206	275	.749	410	95	213	672	8.5
Smith	28	737	97	198	.490	41	58	.707	161	63	92	235	8.4
Jones	48	1030	144	354	.407	74	90	.822	75	141	112	362	7.5
Perry (Tot.)	75	1826	181	486	.372	76	119	.639	593	100	261	438	5.8
Perry (Mil.)	50	1471	143	371	.385	64	95	.674	471	78	214	350	7.0
Kimball	74	971	107	229	.467	44	81	.543	312	60	137	258	3.5
McLemore	10	971	107	28	.321	11	12	.917	34	12	18	29	2.9
Lowery	20	134	17	38	.447	11	18	.611	19	14	16	45	2.3
Dinwiddie	23	144	16	57	.281	5	9	.556	32	9	23	37	1.6
Webb	19	109	9	35	.257	11	13	.846	18	7	8	29	1.5
Nelson	28	102	15	36	.417	5	10	.500	20	7	21	35	1.3

Bucks in Action



Bucks' Jon McGlocklin (14), a defensive specialist, guards Lakers' Keith Erickson.



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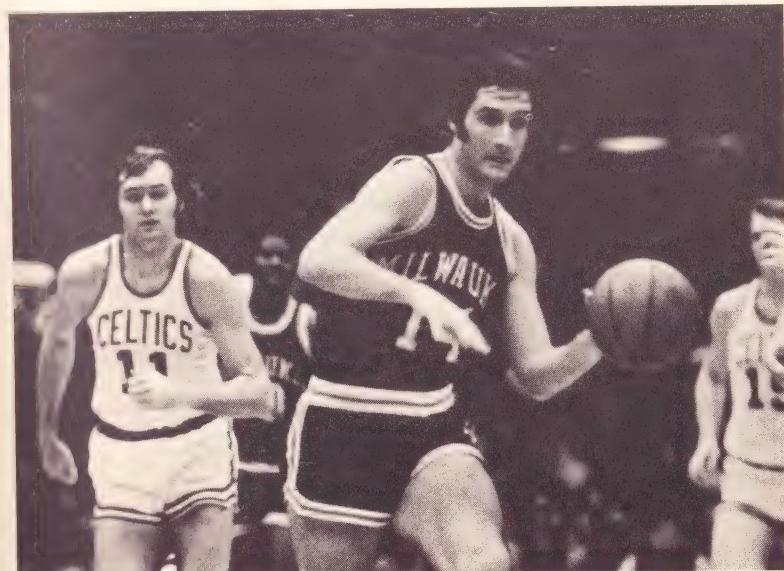
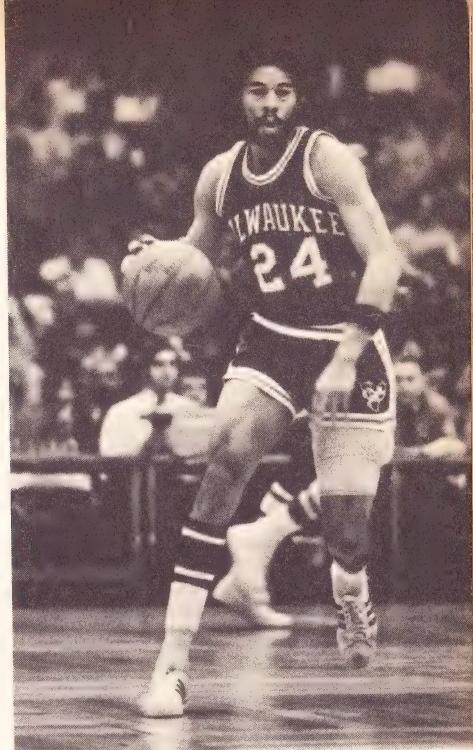
Jabbar (33) is an intimidating factor under the basket. No. 1 is teammate Oscar Robertson.

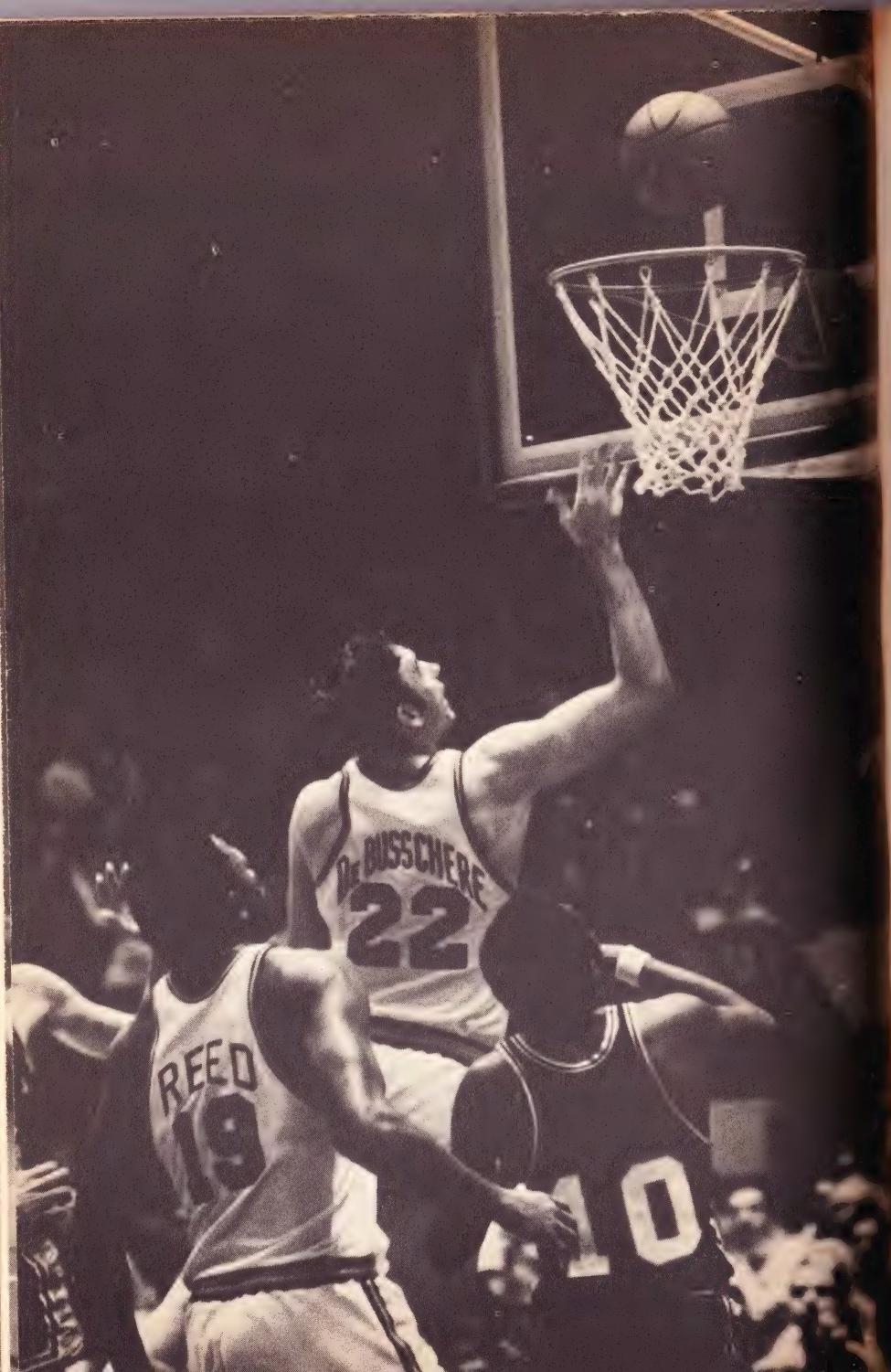
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The veteran Wally Jones (24) gives good movement to Milwaukee offense.

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Jon McGlocklin (14) heads fast break against Boston Celtics.



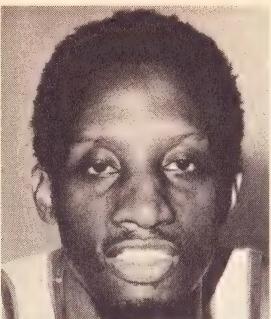


N.Y. KNICKERBOCKERS

One of the two original teams remaining since the inception of the league in 1946, the Knicks have established New York as the mecca of pro basketball. They were the first pro team to draw over one million people in a season and their home court, Madison Square Garden, has the largest seating capacity, 19,500. Only once in the club's history, 1970, have the Knicks won an NBA championship. In fact, after winning back-to-back Eastern Division titles in 1953 and 1954, the team slipped and from 1956 to 1967, New York made the playoffs only once. Smart draft picking and intelligent trades built the nucleus of the championship team. Willis Reed, Bill Bradley and Walt Frazier were products of the draft while Jerry Lucas, Dave DeBusschere and Earl Monroe came as the result of trades. Among the great players who have worn the Knicks' uniform are Harry Gallatin, Carl Braun, Richie Guerin and Dick McGuire. No other team has produced so many coaches and the president, Ned Irish, is still regarded as one of the most powerful men in basketball. The Knicks made it to the championship finals without Reed and a sub-par Monroe. Now both are well and a title might come to New York again in 1973.

With Willis Reed (19) back this year to join Dave DeBusschere (22), the Knicks are looking to another playoff performance.

Key Players

**DICK BARNETT**

G, 6-4, 190, 13th Yr., Age 36, Tennessee State
This could be the swansong for Barnett, one of the NBA's all-time great guards. The 13-year veteran has scored more than 15,000 points (only 15 players in NBA history have achieved the plateau) while often playing in the shadows of super-stars. A durable player, Barnett had not missed a game in more than three years before being felled by a back injury in 1971-72. Barnett was the No. 1 draft choice of the Syracuse Nats after being named the MVP in the NAIA tournament for two consecutive seasons.

BILL BRADLEY

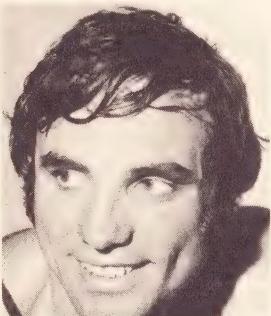
F, 6-5, 205, 6th Yr., Age 29, Princeton

One of the best in the NBA at moving without the ball, Bradley affords the Knicks much of their fluidity on offense. He was the top (territorial) draft pick of New York in 1965 after a sensational college career at Princeton. Bradley passed up a chance to play pro ball immediately to attend Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. He is coming off his best season as a pro, averaging 15.1 points a game. Bradley was the youngest member of the 1964 Olympic team which captured a Gold Medal.

**DAVE DE BUSSCHERE**

F, 6-6, 235, 10th Yr., Age 32, Detroit

The emergence of the Knicks as a basketball power started when DeBusschere was obtained from Detroit in 1968. He is the premier defensive forward in the league and averaged 15.4 points and 11.2 rebounds a game last year. DeBusschere's injury in the playoffs against LA was a severe blow to the Knicks' chances. He was originally a No. 1 draft pick of Detroit and coached the Pistons for two and a half years. He also played pro baseball with the Chicago White Sox.

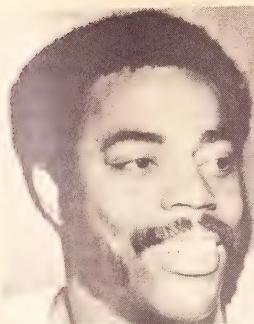


OTHER KEY VETERANS

JERRY LUCAS: C-F, 6-8, 235, 10th Yr., Age 32, Ohio State (16.7)
PHIL JACKSON: F, 6-8, 230, 5th Yr., Age 27, North Dakota (7.2)
DEAN MEMINGER: G, 6-1, 175, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Marquette (4.6)
EDDIE MAST: F, 6-9, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Temple (2.6)

TOP ROOKIE

Tom Riker, a 6-10 forward-center, led South Carolina to three consecutive post season tournaments, averaging in double figures each of his three seasons. He was the Knicks' No. 1 draft selection.

**WALT FRAZIER**

G, 6-4, 205, 5th Yr., Age 27, Southern Illinois
The best all-around guard in the NBA, Frazier is coming off his greatest season, averaging 23.2 points a game while hitting an incredible .512 of his field goal attempts. He was named to the All-Defensive team for the fourth consecutive season and was again among the league leaders in assists. Frazier came to the Knicks (top draft choice) in 1967 after a spectacular career at Southern Illinois. As a junior, he won the MVP award in the National Invitation Tournament. A superb dresser, Frazier is nicknamed "Clyde."

**EARL MONROE**

G, 6-3, 190, 6th Yr., Age 28, Winston-Salem

Likely the most exciting player in the game, Monroe came to the Knicks early last season from the Baltimore Bullets in exchange for Mike Riordan and Dave Stallworth. He was hampered most of the year by bone spurs in the ankle, averaging only 11.9 points a game, down considerably from the career norm of 23. Monroe, the top draft pick of the Bullets in 1967, had an off-season operation on his ankle. Nicknamed "The Pearl" Monroe averaged 41.5 points a game as a college senior, scoring 1,329 points.

**WILLIS REED**

C, 6-10, 240, 9th Yr., Age 30, Grambling

The captain of the Knicks, Reed missed the greater part of last season with tendonitis of the knee. The last two years have been tough on the NBA's MVP in 1970. He has suffered through a knee operation, pinched nerves and a thigh injury. Reed appears fully recovered and his presence will be a big boost to the Knicks. He's the club's all-time leading scorer and has a career average of 20 points a game. The big center was drafted out of Grambling by the Knicks in the second round in 1964. He had participated in seven consecutive All-Star games before last season.



RED HOLZMAN
COACH

The most successful coach in New York Knicks history, Red Holzman also holds the dual post of general manager (the only one to do so in the NBA). His teams have earned five straight playoff berths and were the 1970 World Champions, a year in which he was named Coach-of-the-Year. Holzman's five-year record is 242-131. He played pro ball with the Rochester Royals and served as a coach for the St. Louis Hawks.

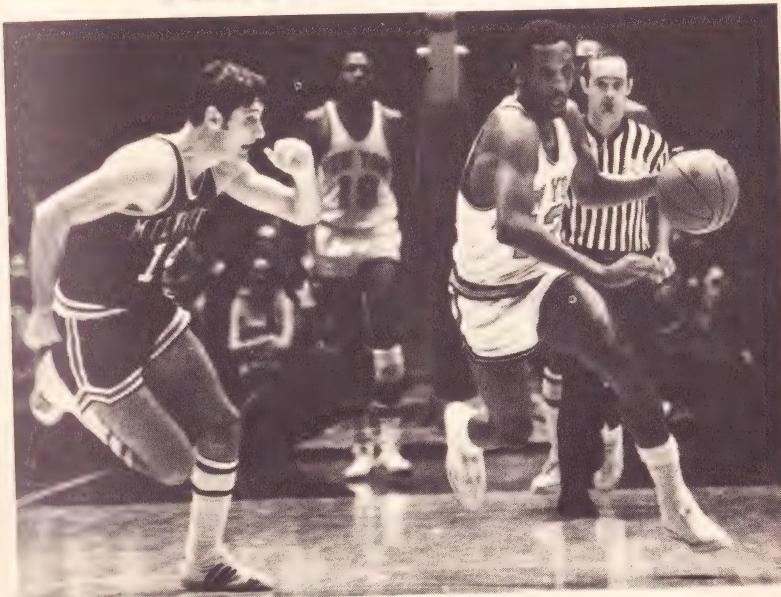
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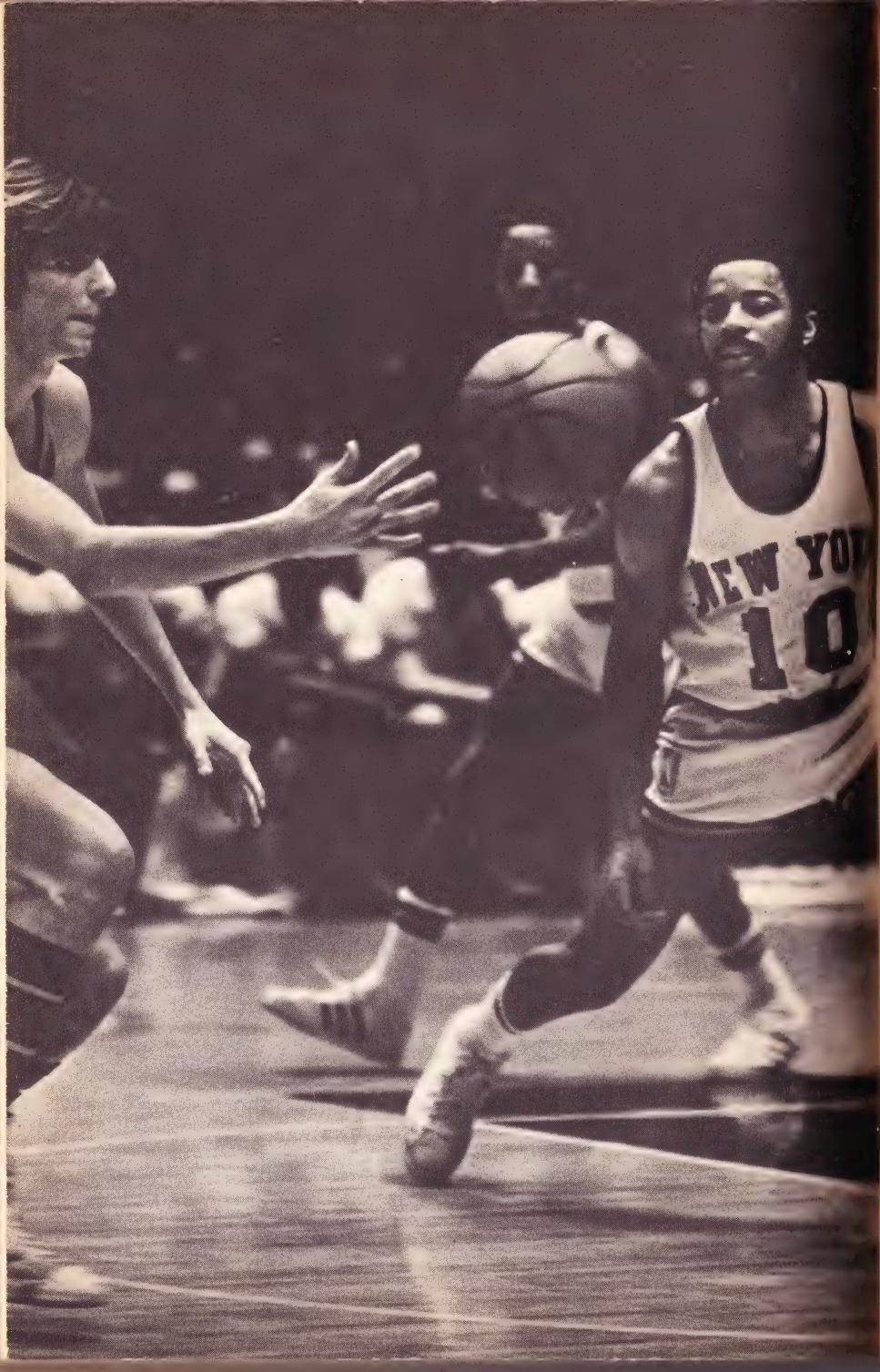
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NEW YORK	G	Min.	FG			FT			FT			Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
			FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.					
Frazier	77	3126	.669	1307	.512	.450	557	.808	.513	446	.185	1788	23.2			
Lucas	77	2926	.543	1060	.512	.197	249	.791	1011	318	.218	1283	16.7			
DeBusschere	80	3072	.520	1218	.427	.193	265	.728	901	291	.219	1233	15.4			
Bradley	78	2780	.504	1085	.465	.169	199	.849	250	315	.254	1177	15.1			
Reed	11	363	.60	137	.438	.27	39	.692	96	22	.30	147	13.4			
Barnett	79	2256	.401	918	.437	.162	215	.781	100	142	.139	749	11.9			
Monroe (Tot.)	63	1337	.287	662	.434	.175	224	.781	100	142	.139	749	11.9			
Monroe (N.Y.)	60	1234	.261	598	.436	.162	206	.786	92	132	.130	684	11.4			
Jackson	80	1273	.205	466	.440	.167	228	.732	326	72	.224	577	7.2			
Stallworth	14	225	.33	88	.375	.29	35	.829	35	25	.31	95	6.8			
Meminger	78	1173	.139	293	.474	.79	140	.564	185	103	.137	357	4.6			
Rackley (Tot.)	71	683	.103	240	.429	.50	88	.568	208	21	.107	256	3.6			
Rackley (N.Y.)	62	618	.92	215	.428	.49	84	.583	187	18	.104	233	3.8			
Price	6	40	.5	14	.357	.9	11	.818	6	6	.10	19	3.2			
Mast	40	270	.39	112	.348	.25	41	.610	73	10	.39	103	2.6			
Riordan	4	33	.4	11	.364	0	1	.000	1	2	.2	8	2.0			
Paulk (Tot.)	35	211	.24	88	.273	15	21	.714	64	11	.31	63	1.8			
Paulk (N.Y.)	28	151	.16	60	.267	8	12	.667	49	7	.24	40	1.4			
Miles	42	198	.23	64	.359	16	18	.889	16	17	.46	62	1.5			
Fillmore	10	67	.7	27	.259	1	3	.333	15	3	.17	15	1.5			

Knicks in Action



Crafty veteran Dick Barnett (12) usually has hot hand coming off bench for Knicks.



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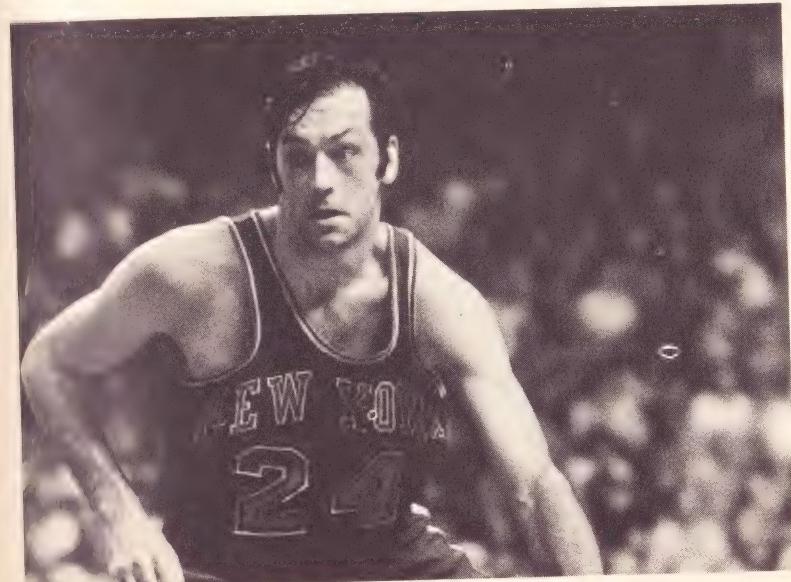
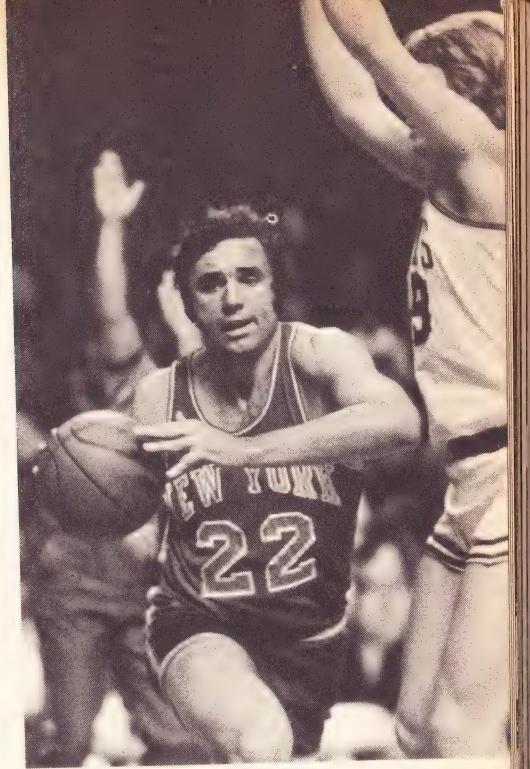
All-Pro guard Walt Frazier (10), here guarding Pete Maravich, is one of NBA's genuine super-stars.

Right:

Dave DeBusschere (22) is regarded as one of the game's finest defensive players but he's also a consistent scorer for Knicks.

Below:

The man who makes the overall Knick offense click is Bill Bradley (24), a classy ball-handler and talented shooter.



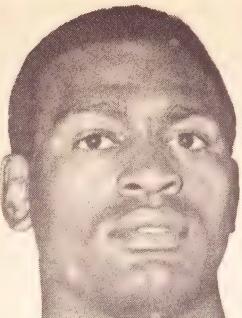


PHILADELPHIA 76ers

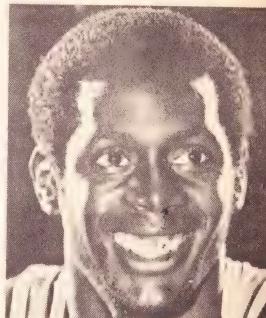
There have been many significant moments in the history of professional basketball in Philadelphia—winning three championships and losing and gaining a franchise. The original franchise was formed in 1946 from a nucleus of the SPHAS of the American League. With Eddie Gottlieb as coach, the Philly team, known as the Warriors, won the league championship and unveiled the first superstar, "Jumpin" Joe Fulks. There were other stars like Paul Arizin, Neil Johnston and Tom Gola and another title was captured in 1956. In 1959, the greatest scorer the game has ever known, Wilt Chamberlain made his debut, some four years after having been drafted as a high school senior by Gottlieb. During the 1961-62 season Wilt scored 100 points in a game. The franchise was moved to San Francisco at the close of the '62 campaign, leaving Philadelphia without a pro team for a season. The following year, Ike Richman and Irv Kosloff teamed to purchase the Syracuse Nats franchise, moved it to Philly and named the club the 76ers. Wilt was reacquired in 1965 and helped lead the team to the world title in 1967. Now the franchise has fallen on bad times with the loss of Billy Cunningham. Most of the problems, however, stem from a succession of incredibly bad draft choices. The 76ers are now one of the weakest teams in the NBA.

Veteran Philly star Hal Greer (15), now in his 15th NBA campaign, has scored over 20,000 points during career.

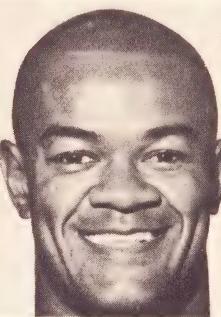
Key Players

**BILL BRIDGES**

F, 6-6, 235, 11th Yr., Age 33, Kansas
The former captain of the Atlanta Hawks, Bridges came to the 76ers early last season in exchange for Jim Washington. He corralled more than 1,000 rebounds for the sixth consecutive year and is within reach of 10,000, which has been done only by nine other NBA players. Bridges originally played in the American Basketball League with Kansas City before joining the Hawks in 1962. A three-time selectee to the All-Star game, Bridges averaged 13.2 points and 13.5 rebounds a game with the 76ers.

**FRED CARTER**

G-F, 6-3, 195, 4th Yr., Age 27, Mt. St. Mary's
Acquired from Baltimore in the Archie Clark trade, Carter again showed why he is one of the most valuable players in the NBA. While performing as both a starter and top reserve at both guard and forward, Carter averaged 13.8 points a game for Philadelphia. Known as "Mad Dog," Carter was the Bullets' No. 3 draft choice in 1969 out of Mt. St. Mary's. He is often called upon to guard the opposition's top shooting guard. Carter is one of the most personable players in the league.

**HAL GREER**

G, 6-2, 175, 15th Yr., Age 36, Marshall
Greer enters his 15th NBA season, tops among all players in the league. He is one of only six players to score more than 20,000 points and is the all time leader in games played. Last year, Greer averaged 11.1 points a game, the lowest norm since his rookie season. Greer was the No. 2 draft pick of the old Syracuse Nats out of Marshall. He has participated in 10 All-Star games and was the MVP of the contest in 1968. Greer is also the all time NBA leader in personal fouls committed.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

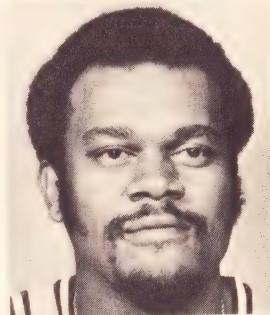
JOHN BLOCK: C, 6-10, 220, 7th Yr., Age 28, Southern Cal. (8.5)
LUKE JACKSON: C, 6-6, 250, 9th Yr., Age 31, Pan American (5.8)
AL HENRY: F, 6-9, 190, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Wisconsin (4.3)
DENNIS AWTREY: F, 6-10, 240, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Santa Clara (4.2)

TOP ROOKIE

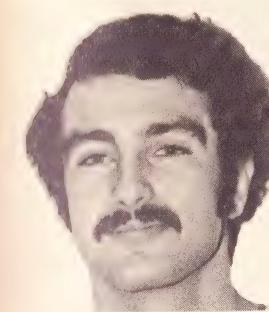
Freddy Boyd was considered the top college guard in the nation last year. The 6-2 Oregon State standout is a superb ball-handler and has fantastic penetrating ability. He was the last top rookie signed.

**KEVIN LOUGHERY**

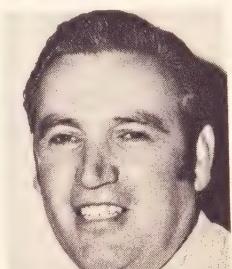
G, 6-3, 190, 11th Yr., Age 32, St. John's
Loughery came to Philadelphia with Fred Carter in the trade which shipped Archie Clark off to Baltimore early last season. One of the league's most underrated players because he has had the misfortune of performing in the shadows of outstanding guards, Loughery averaged 12.6 points a game with the 76ers. He was originally drafted by Detroit and traded to Baltimore in 1963. Loughery performed in the 1970 playoffs with cracked ribs and a serious thigh bruise. His desire earned him the Maurice Stokes Memorial Award.

**BOB RULE**

C, 6-9, 235, 6th Yr., Age 28, Colorado State
Acquired from the Seattle SuperSonics, Rule started at center for the 76ers, averaging 17.3 points a game. Rule, who was the second round draft pick of Seattle in 1967 out of Colorado State, appeared headed toward greatness when shelved by an Achilles heel injury early in the 1970-71 season. Prior to injury, Rule had an NBA average of 22 points and 10 rebounds a game. He made the NBA All-Rookie team and was a member of the 1970 All-Star squad.

**DAVE WOHL**

G, 6-2, 183, 2nd Yr., Age 22, Pennsylvania
The heir-apparent as the backcourt leader of the 76ers, Wohl averaged 8.1 points a game as a rookie. He showed outstanding ball-handling ability and proved to be an aggressive defensive player. Wohl was the No. 3 draft choice of Philadelphia after a standout career at Penn, where he was originally recruited for football. He was third on the club in assists despite the fact that his playing time was limited. Wohl is a left-handed shooter.



ROY RUBIN
COACH

Roy Rubin, who rebuilt basketball programs in high school and most recently at Long Island University, was the surprise selection this past summer to coach the sagging Philadelphia 76ers. He replaces Jack Ramsey, who resigned at the conclusion of the 1971-72 season. A bachelor, Rubin is hoping to follow in the footsteps of other college coaches (Cotton Fitzsimmons and Dick Motta) who have made it big in the pros. Rubin is an aggressive coach who leans heavily to defense.

1972-1973 SCHEDULE

HOME

Wed., Oct. 11 Seattle
 Fri., Oct. 13 Buffalo
 Wed., Oct. 25 Cleveland
 Sat., Oct. 28 Milwaukee
 Wed., Nov. 1 Houston
 Fri., Nov. 3 Kansas City-Omaha
 Fri., Nov. 10 New York
 Fri., Nov. 24 Buffalo at Hershey
 Sat., Nov. 25 Portland
 Wed., Nov. 29 New York
 Fri., Dec. 1 Boston
 Wed., Dec. 6 Kansas City-Omaha
 Thu., Dec. 7 Phoenix at Pittsburgh
 Fri., Dec. 8 Chicago
 Wed., Dec. 13 Los Angeles
 Sat., Dec. 16 Buffalo
 Wed., Dec. 27 Atlanta at Pittsburgh
 Wed., Jan. 10 Los Angeles
 Fri., Jan. 12 Cleveland at Pittsburgh
 Sat., Jan. 13 Boston
 Wed., Jan. 17 Atlanta
 Fri., Jan. 19 Baltimore at Hershey
 Sun., Jan. 26 Buffalo
 Wed., Jan. 30 Golden State
 Sat., Feb. 3 Boston
 Wed., Feb. 14 Milwaukee
 Fri., Feb. 16 Detroit
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 Sun., Feb. 25 Portland at Pittsburgh
 Wed., Feb. 28 Baltimore
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 Wed., Mar. 21 Cleveland
 Fri., Mar. 23 Houston
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AWAY

Tue., Oct. 10 At Chicago
 Tue., Oct. 17 At Buffalo
 Sat., Oct. 21 At New York
 Mon., Oct. 23 At Boston
 Tue., Oct. 31 At Cleveland
 Sat., Nov. 4 At Atlanta
 Sun., Nov. 5 At Milwaukee
 Wed., Nov. 8 Kansas City-Omaha at Omaha
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 Fri., Nov. 17 At Seattle
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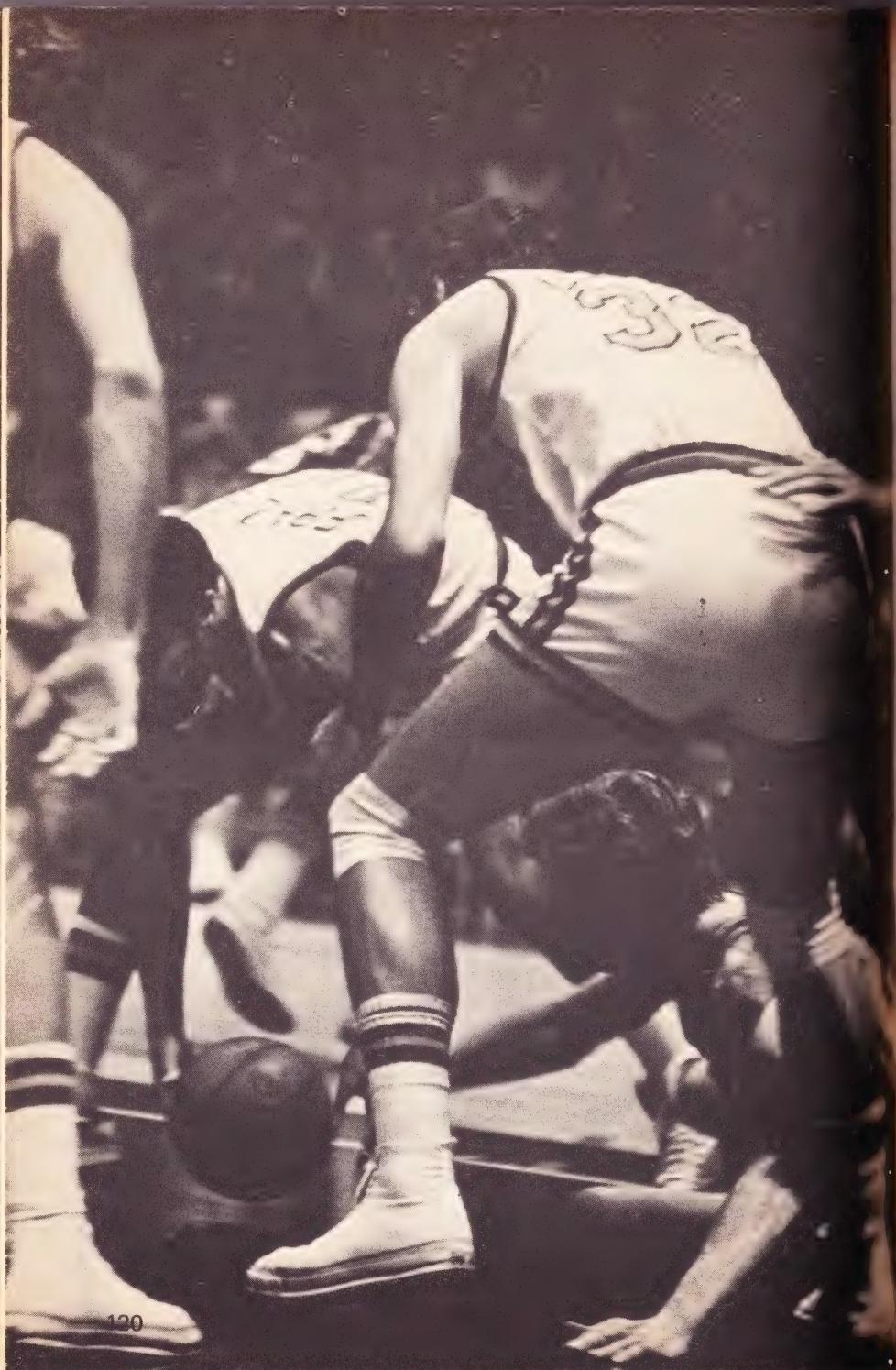
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PHILADELPHIA	G	Min.	FG		FT		FT		Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
			FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.					
Clark	1	42	.11	16	.688	7	11	.636	3	7	3	29	29.0
Cunningham	75	2900	.658	1428	.461	428	601	.712	918	443	295	1744	23.3
Rule (Tot.)	76	2230	.461	1058	.436	226	335	.675	534	116	189	1148	15.1
Rule (Phil.)	60	1987	.416	934	.445	203	292	.695	479	110	162	1035	17.3
Carter (Tot.)	79	2215	.446	1018	.438	182	293	.621	326	211	242	1074	13.6
Carter (Phil.)	77	2147	.440	991	.444	179	284	.630	307	199	235	1059	13.8
Bridges (Tot.)	78	2756	.379	779	.487	222	316	.703	1051	198	269	980	12.6
Bridges (Phil.)	64	2210	.328	645	.509	191	272	.702	861	158	219	847	13.2
Loughery (Tot.)	76	1771	.341	809	.422	263	320	.822	183	196	213	945	12.4
Loughery (Phil.)	74	1729	.337	792	.426	258	312	.827	178	188	208	932	12.6
Foster	74	1699	.347	837	.415	185	243	.761	276	90	184	879	11.9
Grier	81	2410	.388	866	.449	181	234	.774	271	316	268	959	11.8
Washington	17	545	.68	156	.436	55	67	.821	135	25	59	191	11.2
Wohl	79	1628	.243	567	.429	156	206	.757	150	228	229	642	8.1
Jackson	63	1083	.137	346	.396	92	133	.692	309	88	141	366	5.8
Henry	43	421	.68	156	.436	51	73	.699	137	8	42	187	4.3
Awrey	58	794	.98	222	.441	49	76	.645	248	51	141	245	4.2
James	6	41	.6	18	.333	7	10	.700	6	2	3	19	3.2
Yates	24	144	.31	83	.373	7	11	.636	40	7	14	69	2.9

76ers in Action



At 6-9, Bob Rule (obtained from Seattle) is potential 20-point-per-game scorer for Philadelphia.



Left:

Kevin Loughery, on floor, scrambles for ball in the midst of a horde of converging Knicks.

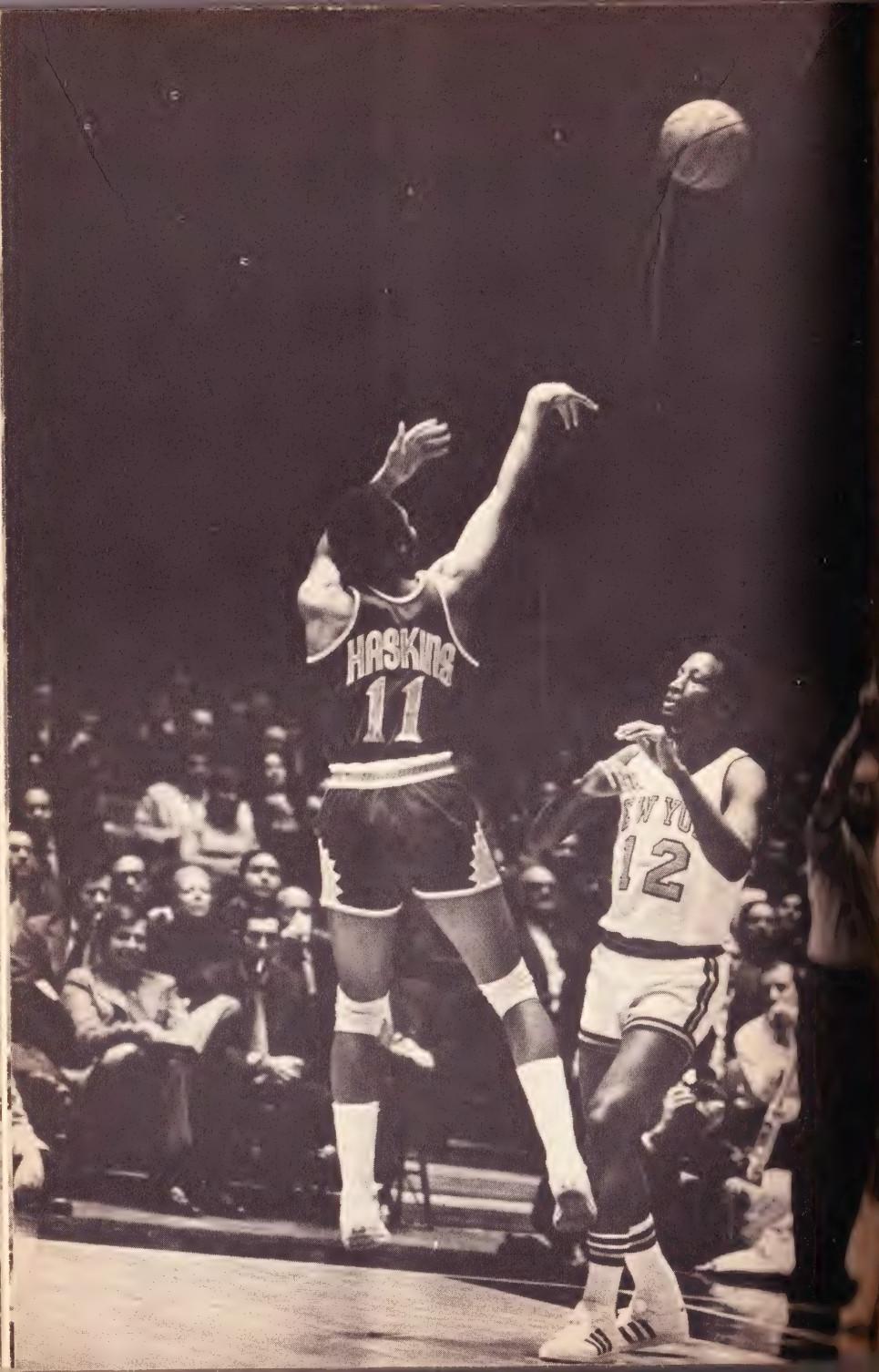
Right:

Big Luke Jackson (54), a rough man under the boards, rams in a lefthanded hook for the 76ers.

Below:

Former St. John's star Kevin Loughery (right) draws tough defensive assignments (Walt Frazier here) for 76ers.



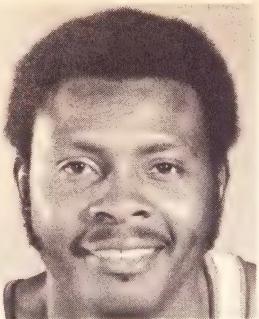


PHOENIX SUNS

There were many skeptics around when the Phoenix Suns were awarded a National Basketball Association franchise in 1968. After all, basketball in Phoenix would be tougher to put over than pro football in Europe. Then too, Phoenix was the least populated of all NBA cities. It just couldn't succeed. How wrong everyone was! The Suns, despite making the wrong call in the crucial coin toss for Kareem Abdul Jabbar, have become one of the most successful of all league cities. Much of the credit goes to 32-year-old Jerry Colangelo, who went out and put together an outstanding, exciting team. He first signed Connie Hawkins and last season grabbed off the sensational Charlie Scott. In between, the Suns have drafted and traded wisely. And all the time, the fans have been coming out to see the Suns perform. This year there's a new coach, Bill van Breda Kolff. Phoenix has been moved to the Pacific Division, which figures to be the toughest of all, so making it to the playoffs might be difficult. The Suns may have an outstanding season and be left in the cold come playoff time.

Leon Haskins (11), a fine backcourt player, fires a long jumper over Elton Brand (12) of the Knicks.

Key Players



CLEM HASKINS

G, 6-4, 6th Yr., Age 28, Western Kentucky

Haskins has proven to be a consistent NBA guard since overcoming a poor rookie campaign. He was originally the top draft pick of the Chicago Bulls in 1967, coming to Phoenix in 1970 for Jim Fox. Haskins especially excelled at the foul line, hitting a remarkable .853. As a collegian at Western Kentucky, he was selected three consecutive times as the Ohio Valley Conference Player-of-the-Year. He is nicknamed "The Gem."

CONNIE HAWKINS

F, 6-8, 200, 4th Yr., Age 30, Iowa

Hawkins continued to show that he is one of the premier forwards in the league, averaging 21.0 points a game last year. The super-star is playing his fourth season in the NBA after having been barred for a number of years. In his first year, he averaged 24.6 and followed it up with 20.9. Hawkins first gained national attention as a 19-year-old when he was the MVP in the now-defunct American Basketball League. He also played with the Harlem Globetrotters and in the ABA before joining Phoenix.



DENNIS LAYTON

G, 6-1, 180, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Southern California

A pleasant surprise last season, Layton averaged 9.1 points a game as a part-time starter and top backcourt reserve. Overlooked during the early rounds of the draft, mainly because scouts felt he didn't have an outside shot, Layton was finally taken in the third round. He was a junior college All-American at Phoenix, then went on to Southern California and led the Trojans in scoring two successive seasons (16.6 and 17.6). Layton is excellent at penetrating to the hoop.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

GUS JOHNSON: F, 6-6, 235, 10th Yr., Age 34, Idaho (6.5)

MEL COUNTS: C, 7-0, 235, 9th Yr., Age 31, Oregon State (5.2)

LAMAR GREEN: F, 6-8, 220, 4th Yr., Age 25, Morehead State (5.0)

JEFF WEBB, G, 6-4, 170, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Kansas State (2.5)

TOP ROOKIE

Corky Calhoun, at 6-7, the tallest guard in the country last season while playing with Penn, will see lots of playing time at forward for the Suns. He is rated extremely high as a defensive player. The Suns picked him No. 1.



CHARLIE SCOTT

G, 6-6, 175, 3rd Yr., Age 24, North Carolina

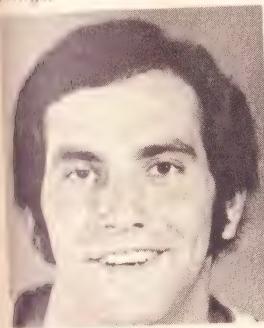
After spending nearly two years with the Virginia Squires of the American Basketball Association where he averaged more than 30 points a game, Scott jumped leagues last March, signing with Phoenix. His rights in the NBA were owned by Boston who gave them to the Suns for Paul Silas. Scott played in six games with Phoenix toward the tailend of the season, averaging 18.8 points a game. He'll be one of the tallest guards in the league and has never shown any fear of firing up the ball.



DICK VAN ARSDALE

D, 6-5, 210, 8th Yr., Age 29, Indiana

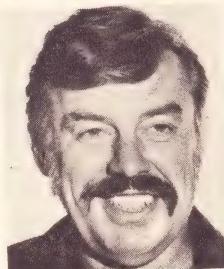
The captain of the Suns, Van Arsdale was originally a second-round pick of the New York Knicks in 1965. He played three seasons with New York before being selected first by Phoenix in the 1968 expansion draft. Van averaged 19.7 points last season, the first time he has been under 20 a game since coming to the Suns. He led the club in playing time, was the only Sun to participate in all 82 games and shot .463 from the floor. His brother, Tom, plays for the Kansas City-Omaha Kings.



NEAL WALK

C, 6-10, 250, 4th Yr., Age 24, Florida

The No. 2 player picked in the 1969 collegiate draft (behind Kareem Abdul Jabbar), Walk has improved steadily each year. He had his best season as a pro in 1971-72, averaging 15.7 points a game and finishing as the club's second leading rebounder. Walk still had foul problems and was disqualified from nine games. As a junior and senior in college at Florida, Walk was a unanimous All Southeastern Conference pick. He led the nation in rebounding as a junior. Walk has missed only one regular season game in three seasons.



BUTCH VAN BREDA KOLFF

COACH

Butch Van Breda Kolff took the Phoenix job during the off-season after Cotton Fitzsimmons moved over to Atlanta. Van Breda Kolff was coach of the Pistons for two full seasons before quitting early last year. Previously, VBK had coached at Los Angeles two seasons, leading the Lakers to the NBA finals twice. As a player, Butch played four seasons with the New York Knicks. He coached college ball at Hofstra, Lafayette and Princeton.

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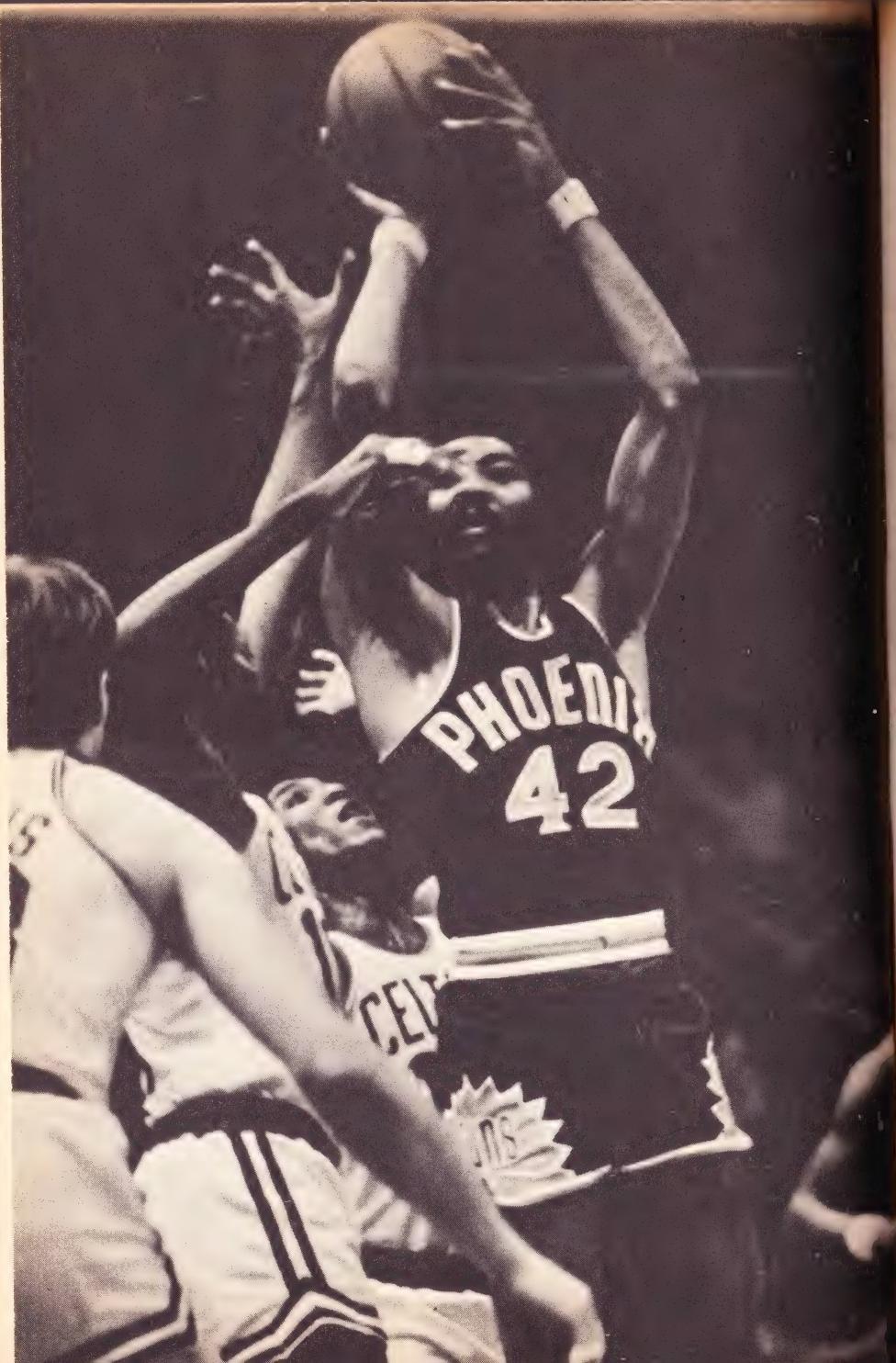
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Hawkins	76	2798	571	1244	.459	456	565	.807	633	296	235	1598	21.0		
Van Arsdale	82	3096	545	1178	.463	529	626	.845	334	297	232	1619	19.7		
Brett	6	177	48	113	.425	17	21	.810	23	26	19	113	18.8		
Silas	80	3082	485	1031	.470	433	560	.773	955	343	201	1403	17.5		
Walk	81	2142	506	1057	.479	256	344	.744	665	151	295	1268	15.7		
Haskins	79	2453	509	1054	.483	220	258	.853	270	290	194	1238	15.7		
Layton	80	1849	304	717	.424	122	165	.739	164	247	219	730	9.1		
Moore	81	1624	260	597	.436	94	156	.603	540	88	212	614	7.6		
Counts	76	906	147	344	.427	101	140	.721	257	96	159	395	5.2		
Eison	67	991	133	298	.446	66	90	.733	348	45	134	332	5.0		
Haris	21	145	23	70	.329	9	21	.429	13	18	26	55	2.6		
Welch (Tot.)	46	238	40	100	.400	16	23	.696	35	23	29	96	2.1		
Welch (Phoe.)	27	129	31	65	.477	5	10	.500	17	16	21	67	2.5		
Wetzel	51	419	31	82	.378	24	30	.800	65	56	71	86	1.7		
Taylor	13	69	6	27	.222	4	13	.308	17	7	8	16	1.2		

Suns in Action



Big Neal Walk, one of the young stars around whom the Suns are building, hooks for two against Boston.



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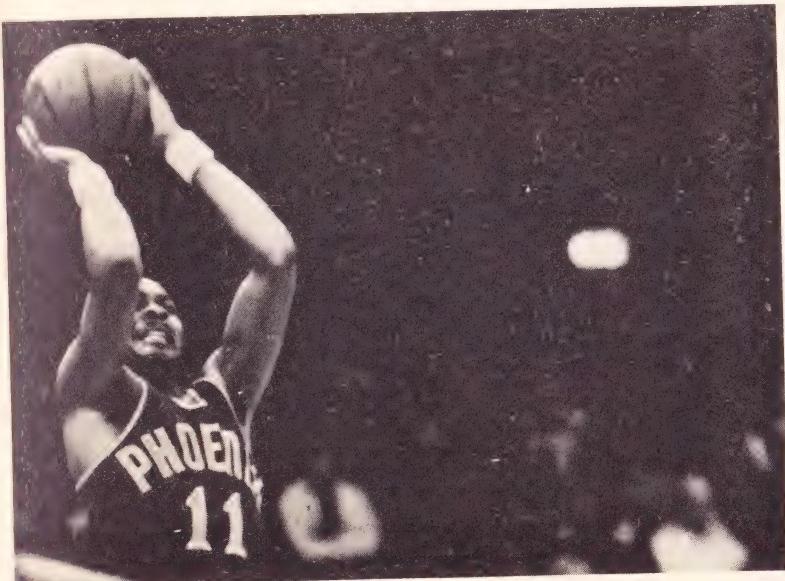
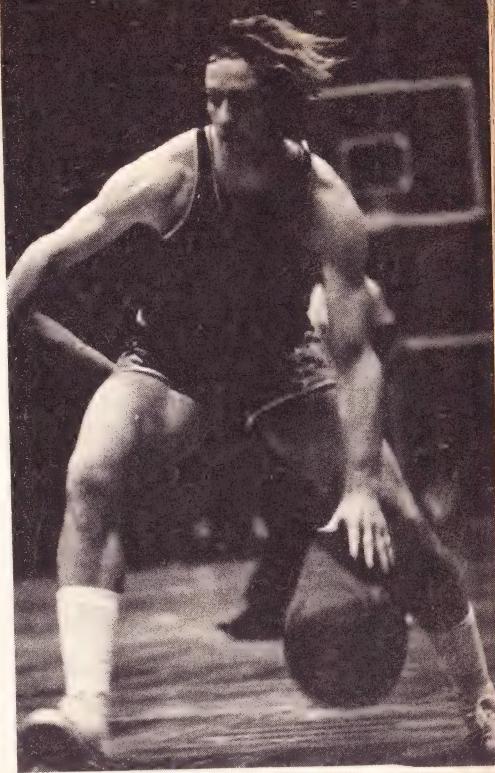
One of the NBA's genuine superstars, Connie Hawkins (42) is the pivotal man in the Suns' free-wheeling attack.

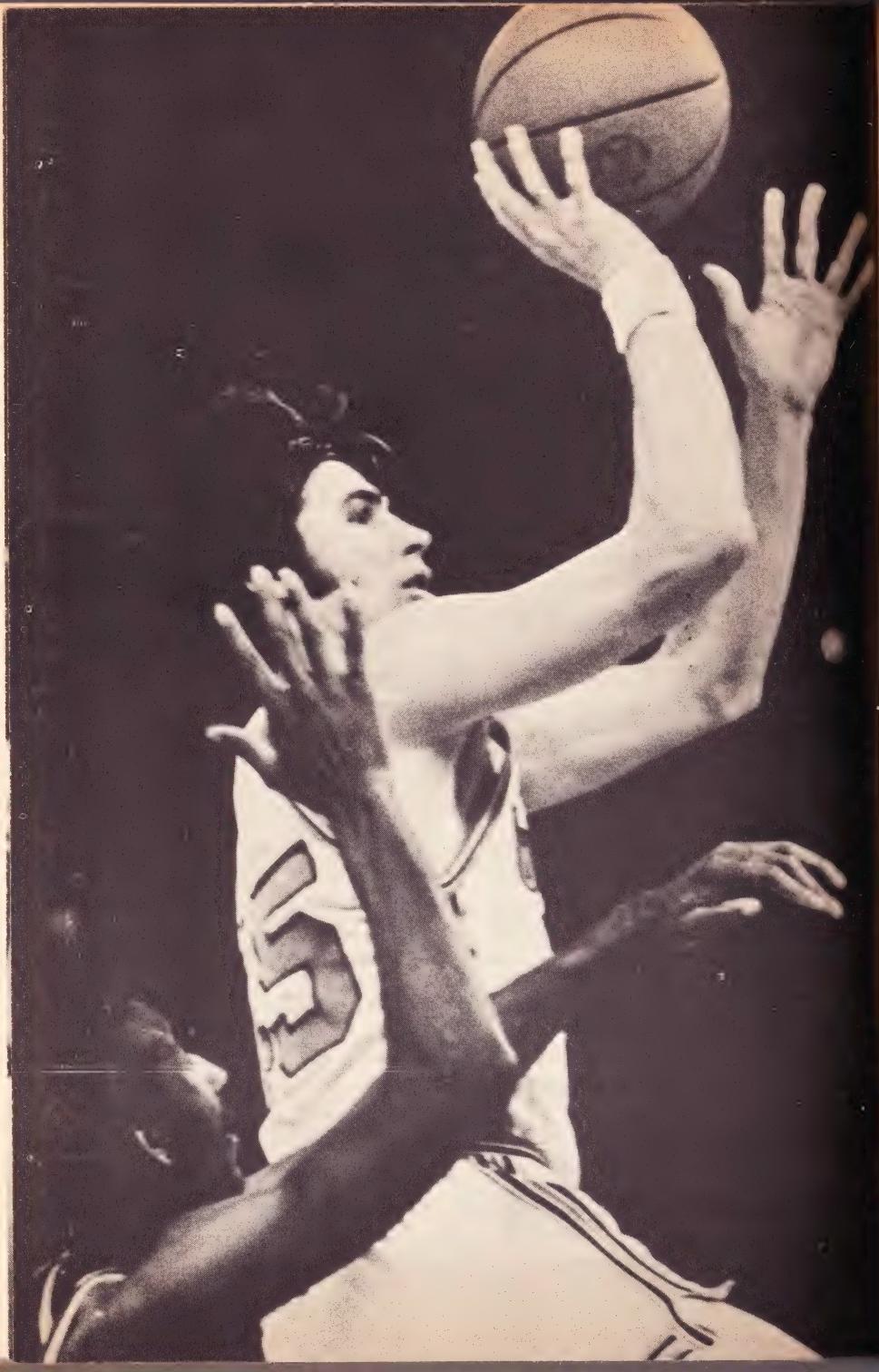
Right:

Dick Van Arsdale (5) is a fiery back-court operator for Phoenix.

Below:

Here's Haskins (11) with his specialty—a jumper from the top of the key.





PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS

Portland finally received a professional basketball team two years ago after trying unsuccessfully since the early 1960s. Harry Glickman (founder of Oregon Sports Attractions) failed in his initial efforts but wound up getting a hocket team which became one of the most successful minor league operations in history. He never forgot about the NBA and in 1968 began laying the groundwork for another try at a franchise. His efforts finally paid off. On Feb. 6, 1970, Portland was granted a team. Geoff Petrie of Princeton was taken first in the draft and he proceeded to win Rookie-of-the-Year honors. Sidney Wicks joined the team last year and became the second Blazer to cop rookie honors. LaRue Martin of Chicago-Loyola is the latest hope. Portland has also had surprising success at the box-office and with a winning campaign not too far off, it's evident that the NBA made a wise decision. The Trailblazers have a new coach, Jack McCloskey and the talent to prove troublesome.

Trailblazers expect big things this year from Geoff Petrie (45) who was hit by sophomore jinx last season.

Key Players



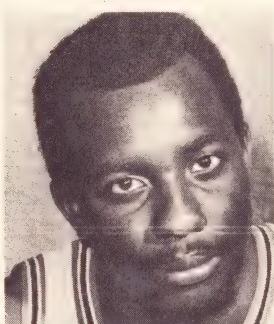
RICK ADELMAN

G, 6-2, 185, 5th Yr., Age 26, Loyola (LA)
 Adelman, a seventh-round draft pick of San Diego (Houston) in 1968, is a remarkable success story. Despite the fact that he was Loyola's all-time leading scorer, he was "lucky" to be taken in the draft. Adelman was a part-timer for the Rockets for two seasons before coming to Portland. He has firmly established himself with the Trailblazers and has become the team captain. Last year, Adelman averaged 10.1 points and led the club in assists.



GARY GREGOR

F, 6-7, 235, 5th Yr., Age 27, South Carolina
 The No. 1 collegiate draft choice of Phoenix in 1968, Gregor finally got in a complete season without suffering an injury. He averaged 11.1 points and was the Trailblazers third leading rebounder with better than seven a game. Gregor played for Atlanta before being traded to Portland for Jerry Chambers in 1970. He was rebounding champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference at South Carolina as a junior.



STAN MCKENZIE

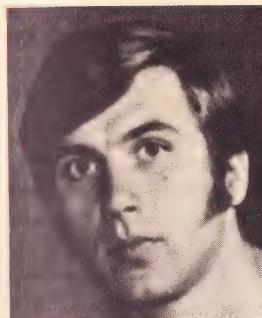
G-F, 6-5, 210, 6th Yr., Age 28, NYU
 Another of the many players who put it all together after being given a chance to play regularly, McKenzie has scored nearly as many points in each of his last two seasons as he did in the first three campaigns combined. He averaged 13.8 points a game (best as a pro) and shot extremely well from the floor (.495). He was originally drafted by Baltimore and taken by Phoenix in its 1968 expansion draft. Portland made him an expansion pick, too.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

TERRY DISCHINGER: F, 6-7, 210, 9th Yr., Age 32, Purdue (9.4)
BILL SMITH: C, 7-0, 220, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Syracuse (8.3)
CHARLIE YELVERTON: G, 6-2, 190, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Fordham (7.9)
LARRY STEELE: G, 6-5, 180, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Kentucky (5.1)

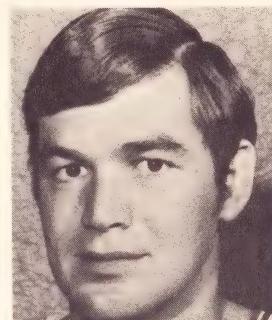
TOP ROOKIE

LaRue Martin, a 6-11, 190-pounder from Loyola (Ill.), was the first player taken overall in the 1972 college draft. A great shot-blocker who lacks muscle, Martin's pro future is still a big question mark.



GEOFF PETRIE

G, 6-4, 195, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Princeton
 After earning co-Rookie-of-the-Year honors and averaging 24.8 points a game, Petrie fell victim to the sophomore jinx. He missed the first eight weeks of the season recovering from knee surgery and never got into the groove. The former Princeton All-American, who was the first player taken by Portland in the 1970 draft, averaged 18.9 points a game, but shot only .417 from the floor. He showed, when well, one of the best outside shots in the NBA.



DALE SCHLUETER

C, 6-10, 235, 5th Yr., Age 27, Colorado State
 Given the starting center job following the trade of LeRoy Ellis to Los Angeles and the injury to rookie Bill Smith, Schlueter responded by having the best season of his pro career. He averaged 11.7 points and better than 10 rebounds a game. He was extremely effective shooting from the floor (.525). Schlueter was originally drafted by the Golden State Warriors on the sixth round in 1967. He came to Portland in the 1970 expansion draft and averaged 8.2 points a game for the Trailblazers.



SIDNEY WICKS

F, 6-8, 225, 2nd Yr., Age 23, UCLA
 The star of the UCLA team which won three consecutive championships, Wicks was the top draft choice of the Trailblazers in 1971 and signed for more than \$1 million. He proved his worth, averaging 24.5 points a game and, in the process became only the eighth rookie to score more than 2,000 points in the season. Wicks also averaged 11.5 rebounds and was named the Rookie-of-the-Year for his efforts. As a collegian he won the Joe Lapchick award, given to the top senior of 1970-71.



JACK MCCLOSKEY

COACH

Jack McCloskey was hired by the Portland Trailblazers off the Wake Forest campus during the off season. While he didn't win any championships for the Deacons, the club was an exciting one to watch. He had previously coached at Pennsylvania. The Trailblazers are hoping he will have the success of other college coaches who have come into the league within the past couple of years—Cotton Fitzsimmon, Dick Motta and Tex Winter.

1972-1973 SCHEDULE

HOME

Fri., Oct. 13 Seattle
 Sat., Oct. 14 Phoenix
 Tue., Oct. 17 Milwaukee
 Sat., Oct. 21 San Francisco
 Tue., Oct. 24 Atlanta
 Fri., Oct. 27 Chicago
 Sun., Oct. 29 Detroit
 Sat., Nov. 4 Los Angeles
 Mon., Nov. 6 New York
 Sun., Nov. 12 Kansas City-Omaha
 Tue., Nov. 14 Cleveland
 Fri., Nov. 17 Philadelphia
 Sat., Nov. 18 Seattle
 Sat., Dec. 2 Atlanta
 Tue., Dec. 12 Milwaukee
 Sat., Dec. 16 Boston
 Fri., Dec. 22 Chicago
 Mon., Dec. 25 Seattle
 Sat., Dec. 30 Phoenix
 Tue., Jan. 22 Kansas City-Omaha
 Fri., Jan. 5 San Francisco
 Sun., Jan. 7 Detroit
 Tue., Jan. 9 Baltimore
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 Tue., Jan. 30 Houston
 Sat., Feb. 3 Kansas City-Omaha
 Tue., Feb. 6 Seattle
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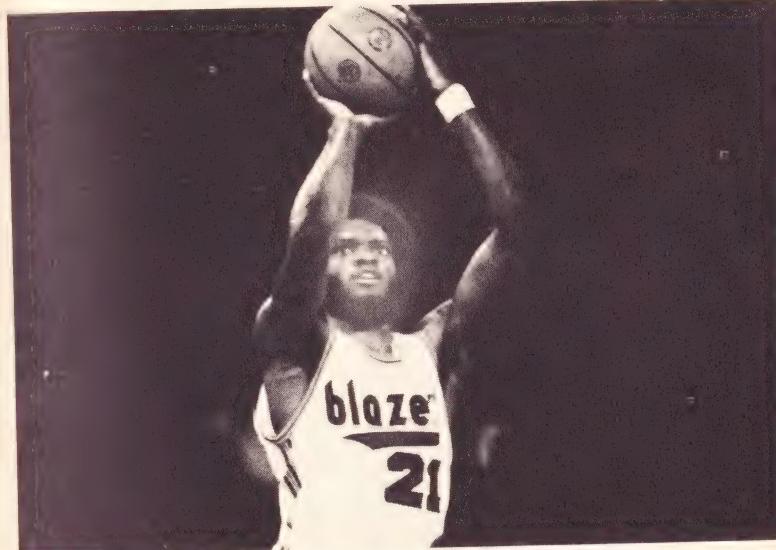
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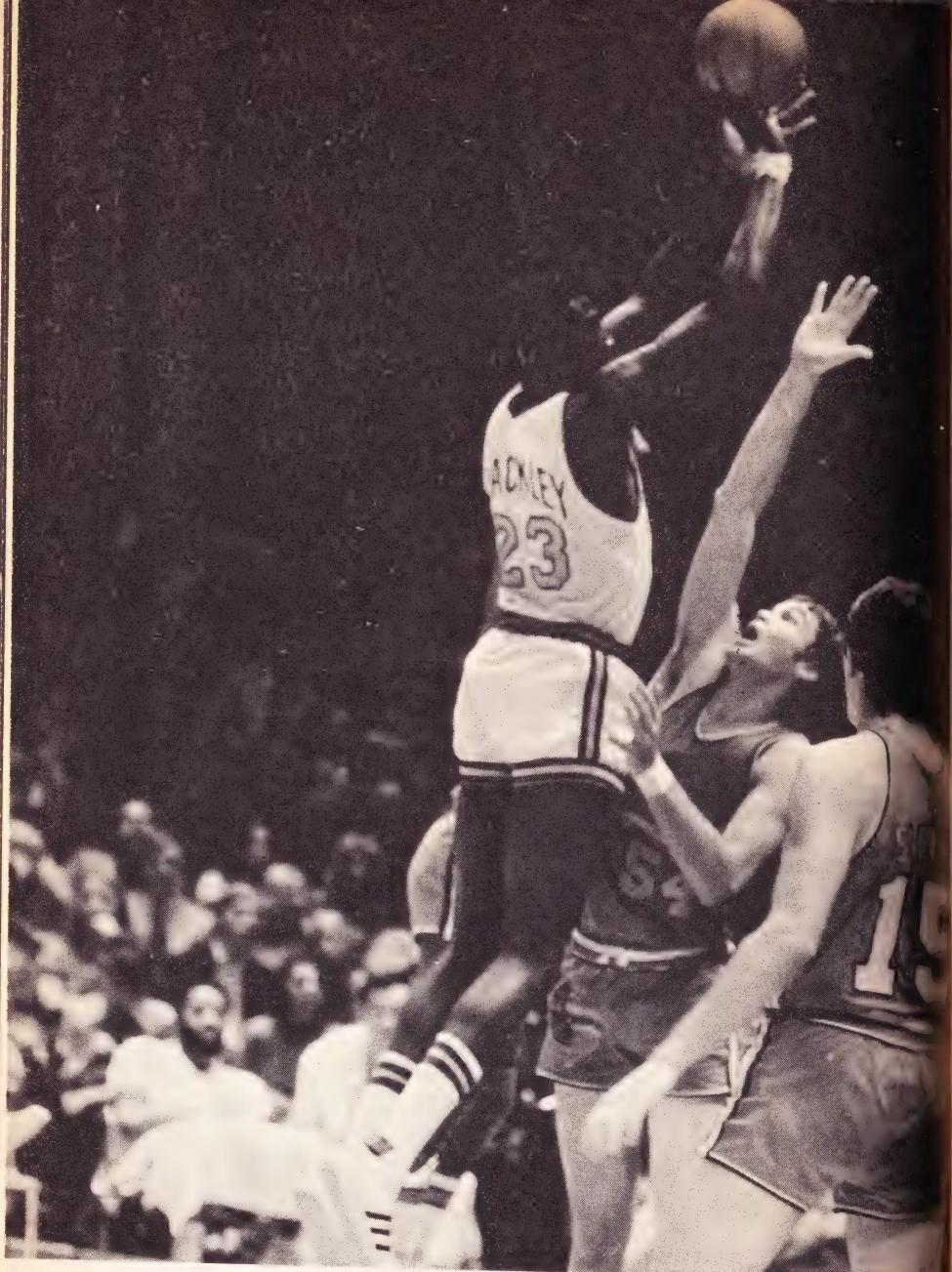
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

	G	Min.	FG	FGA	FG Pct.	FT	FTA	FT Pct.	Rbnd	Asst	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Wicks	82	3245	784	1837	.427	441	621	.710	943	350	186	2009	24.5
Petrie	60	2155	465	1115	.417	202	256	.789	133	248	108	1132	18.9
McKenzie	82	2036	410	834	.492	315	379	.831	272	148	240	1135	13.8
Schlueter	81	2693	353	672	.525	241	326	.739	860	285	277	947	11.7
Gregor	82	2371	399	884	.451	114	151	.755	591	187	201	912	11.1
Adelman	80	2445	329	753	.437	151	201	.751	229	413	209	809	10.1
Smith	22	448	72	173	.416	38	64	.594	135	19	73	182	8.3
Velverton	69	1227	206	530	.389	133	188	.707	201	81	145	545	7.9
McCarter	39	612	103	257	.401	37	55	.673	43	85	58	243	6.2
Knight	49	483	112	257	.436	31	62	.500	116	33	52	255	5.2
Steale	72	1311	148	308	.481	70	97	.722	282	161	198	366	5.1
Marsh	39	375	39	117	.333	41	59	.695	84	30	50	119	3.1
Imhoff (Tot.)	49	480	52	132	.394	24	43	.558	134	52	98	128	2.6
Imhoff (Port.)	40	404	42	103	.408	21	35	.600	107	50	76	105	2.6

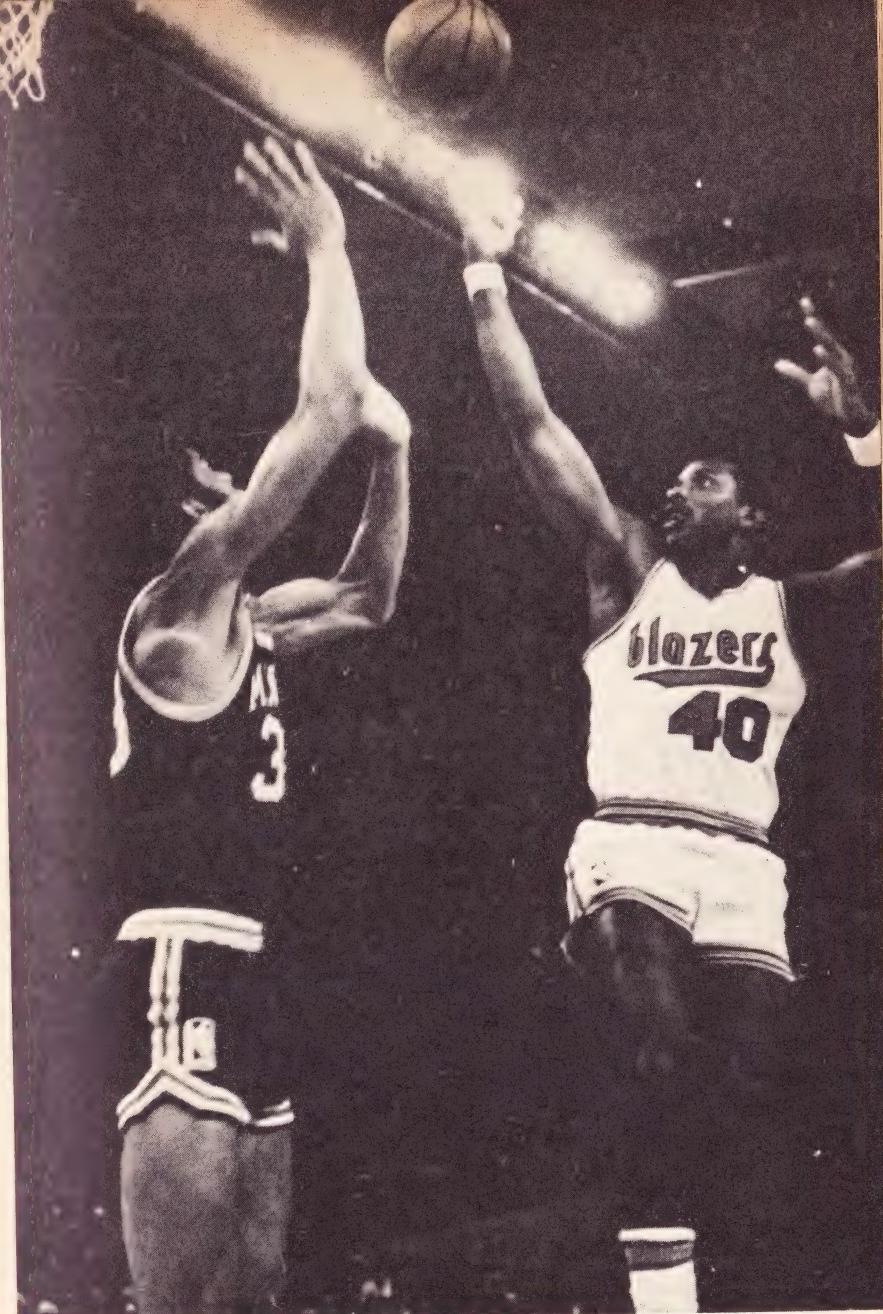
Trailblazers in Action



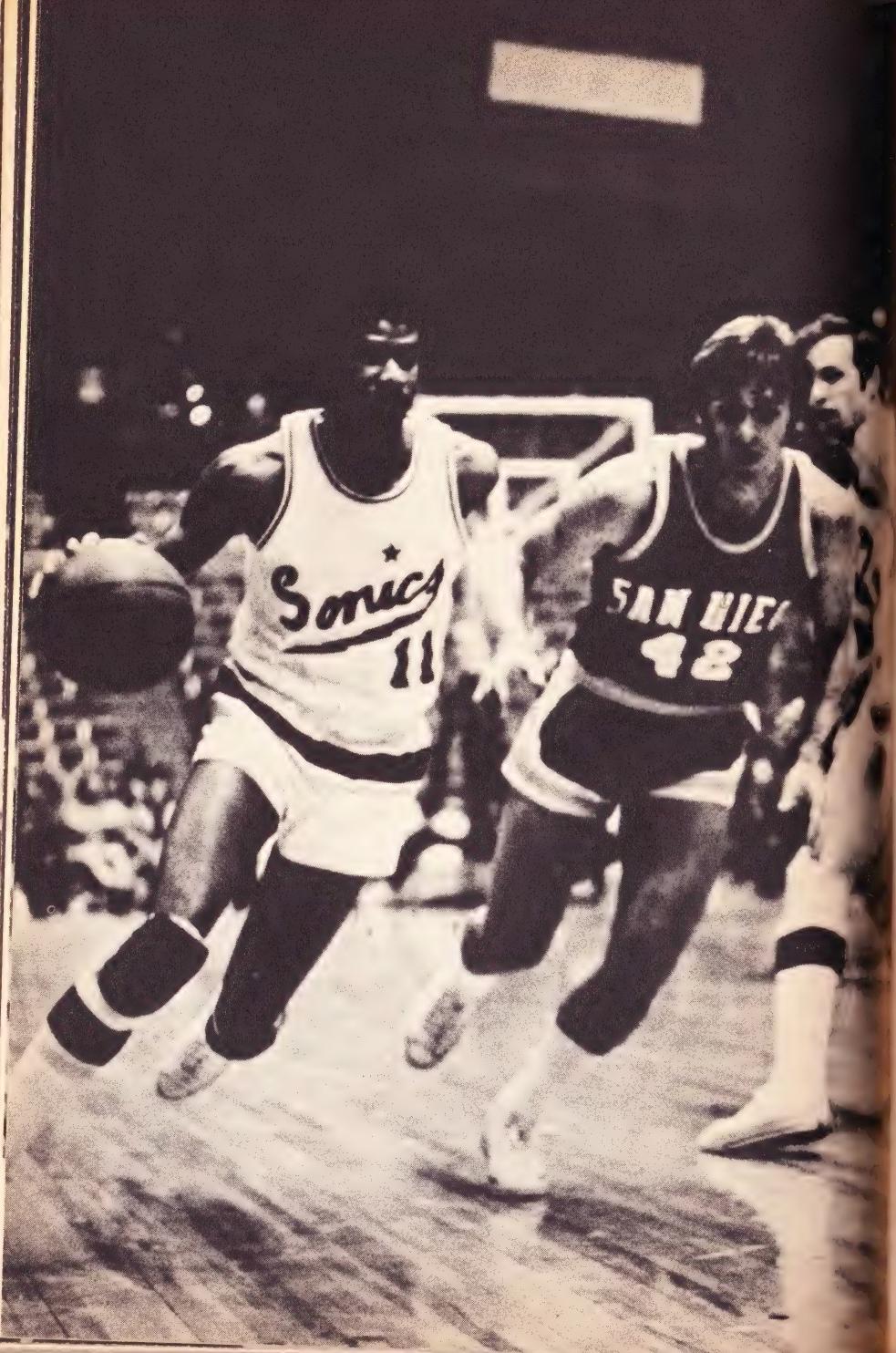
Sidney Wicks (21) became eighth rookie in NBA history last year to score over 2,000 points.



Larry Steele (15) and other Portland players gang up on Knicks' Luther Rackley (23).



Stan McKenzie (40), now in his sixth pro season, shoots over Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Stan is fine all-around player.



SEATTLE SUPERSONICS

Without the help of No. 1 draft choices, the Seattle SuperSonics have established themselves as one of the top teams in the National Basketball Association. Owner Sam Schulman built a strong club by going out and grabbing the cream of the rival American Basketball Association's talent. His first big coup was culminated in a Los Angeles courtroom in 1971 when a judge ruled that the Sonics were allowed to keep All-Pro forward Spencer Haywood, who had jumped from the Denver Rockets. A year later, Jim McDaniels was a member of the Seattle club after jumping the Carolina Cougars. Then, over the summer, Schulman signed All-ABA forward John Brisker. To add injury to insult, the new coach of the Sonics will be Tom Nissalke, who was ABA Coach-of-the-Year at Dallas. The club was formed as part of the 1967 expansion. From the beginning, Seattle was one of the best drawing card of the expansion clubs and last year pushed its average to better than 9,300 a game. The Sonics should make a strong run at the NBA title this season. The most difficult thing to do will be getting a playoff berth in the extra tough Pacific Division.

Lee Winfield, a four-year man, is ready to come into his own in the Sonics' backcourt.

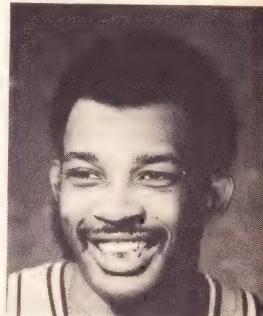
Key Players

**SPENCER HAYWOOD**

F, 6-9, 225, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Detroit
One of the superstars of pro basketball, Haywood joined the Sonics late in the season two years ago after a lengthy legal battle following his departure from Denver of the American Basketball Association. In his first full season with the Sonics, Haywood averaged 26.2 points and better than 13 rebounds a game. He was selected to the All-NBA first team. As a first year player with Denver, Haywood was Rookie-of-the-Year and MVP. He gained fame by leading the USA to the 1968 Olympic title.

JIM McDANIELS

F-C, 7-0, 230, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Western Kentucky
The second round draft choice of the Sonics, McDaniels joined the club late in the season after jumping over from the Carolina Cougars of the American Basketball Association. During the summer, the litigation was settled out of court. McDaniels was a two time All-American at Western Kentucky and one of the best, big outside shooters in the game. He can play either center or forward. The big man averaged better than 20 points a game with the Cougars.

**DON SMITH**

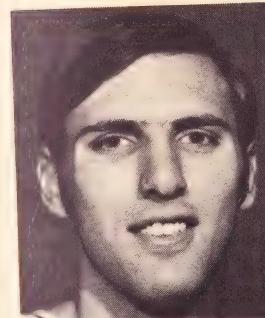
C-F, 6-9, 235, 5th Yr., Age 26, Iowa State
Acquired from Milwaukee before the start of the 1970 season, Smith has spent a good deal of his tenure in Seattle recovering from illness and injury. When he's healthy, Smith has proven that he can do the job. His first year with the Sonics, he averaged 10.9 points a game. Last year, despite missing a fourth of the season, Smith hit at a 13.8 norm and finished second on the club in rebounding with an average of better than 10 a game. He was originally a first round draft pick of Cincinnati in 1968.

OTHER KEY VETERANS

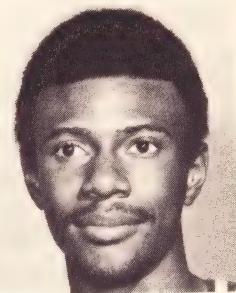
JOHN BRISKER: G-F, 6-5, 210, 4th Yr., Age 25, Toledo (28.9 ABA)
GARFIELD HEARD: F, 6-6, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Oklahoma (7.9)
BARRY CLEMENS: F, 6-6, 220, 8th Yr., Age 30, Ohio Wesleyan (7.1)
JIM FOX: C, 6-10, 220, 8th Yr., Age 29, South Carolina (12.3)

TOP ROOKIE

Bud Stallworth was the top player in the Big Eight Conference and a two-time All-American for Kansas. At 6-5, he has the ability to play either up front or in the backcourt. Stallworth was a No. 1 draft pick.

**DICK SNYDER**

G, 6-5, 210, 7th Yr., Age 28, Davidson
A solid performer, Snyder hit more than .500 of his field goal attempts for the third consecutive season while averaging 16.6 points per game. A second round draft pick of the Hawks in 1966, he was taken by Phoenix in the 1968 expansion and traded to Seattle in 1970 for Art Harris. Snyder's .529 field goal shooting was best in the NBA last season among the guards. He is also considered one of the best defensive guards in the league.

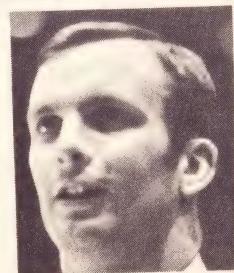
**LEE WINFIELD**

G, 6-2, 175, 4th Yr., Age 25, North Texas State
A pleasant surprise for the Sonics, Winfield has shown steady improvement during his first three seasons of play. He was the No. 3 draft pick of the Sonics in 1969 after an outstanding career at North Texas State. Winfield averaged 5.6 points a game as a rookie, upping that to 10.5 his second season. Last year, Winfield hit at a 10.6 norm and shot 496 from the floor. He is excellent at going to the hoop and a more than adequate defensive player.

**LEN WILKENS***

G, 6-1, 180, 13th Yr., Age 35, Providence
After three seasons as a player-coach, Wilkens relinquished the latter to concentrate on his own game. He is coming off another outstanding campaign which saw him average 18 points a game and, for the second straight year, finish second in the NBA in assists. Originally the top draft pick of the Hawks, Wilkens came to Seattle in 1968 for Walt Hazzard. He ranks fourth all-time among the NBA assist leaders. He improved the club each year as a coach to a high of 47 wins last season. Wilkens was MVP in the 1970-71 All Star Game.

*Traded to Cavaliers

**TOM NISSLAKE**

COACH
Tom Nissalke, a former assistant to the Milwaukee Bucks, joins Seattle after winning coach of the year honors with the Dallas Chaps of the American Basketball Association. He had joined the Bucks after the franchise was formed. Previously, Nissalke had been an assistant coach at Wisconsin and Tulane. He also served as an administrative assistant with Milwaukee.

1972-1973 SCHEDULE

HOME

Fri., Oct. 20 Golden State
 Sun., Oct. 22 Portland
 Wed., Oct. 25 Atlanta
 Fri., Oct. 27 Phoenix
 Sun., Oct. 29 Chicago
 Wed., Nov. 1 Detroit
 Fri., Nov. 3 New York
 Sun., Nov. 5 Los Angeles
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 Wed., Jan. 31 Houston
 Fri., Feb. 2 Chicago
 Sun., Feb. 4 Kansas City-Omaha
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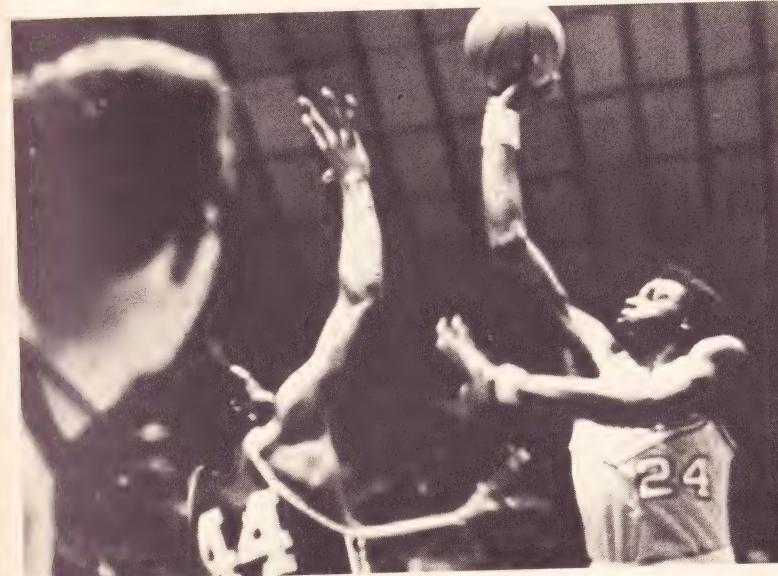
AWAY

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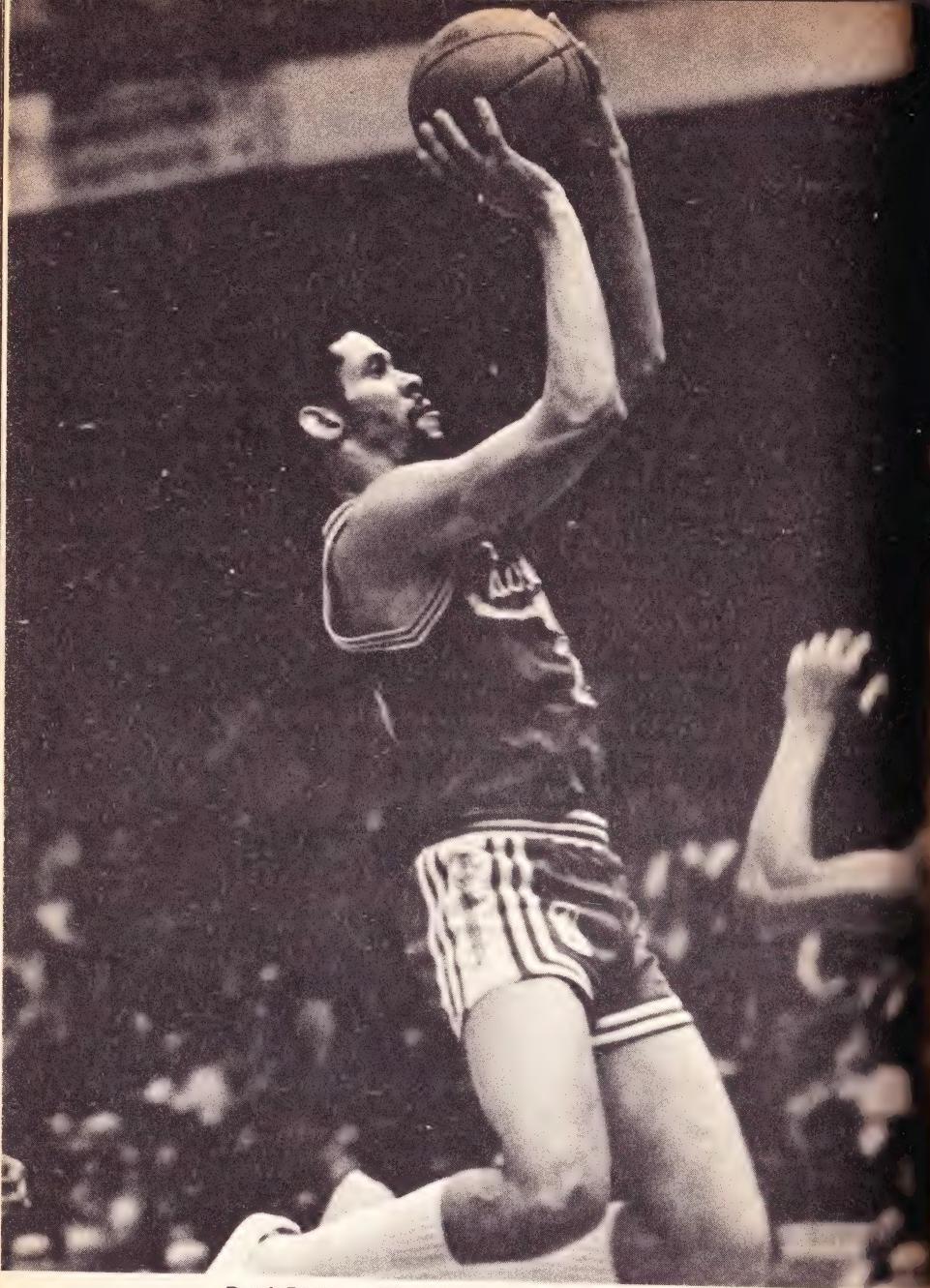
1971-72 INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

SEATTLE	G	Min.	FG	FGA	FG		FT		Rbnd	Ast	PF	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
					Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.					
Haywood.....	73	3167	717	1557	.461	480	586	.819	926	148	208	1914	26.2
Wilkins.....	80	2989	479	1027	.466	480	620	.774	338	766	209	1438	18.0
Snyder.....	73	2534	496	937	.529	218	259	.842	228	283	200	1210	16.6
Smith.....	58	1780	322	751	.429	154	214	.720	654	124	178	798	13.8
Kojis.....	73	1857	322	687	.469	188	237	.793	335	82	168	832	11.4
Winfield.....	81	2040	343	692	.496	175	262	.668	218	290	198	861	10.6
McDaniels.....	12	235	51	123	.415	11	18	.611	82	9	26	113	9.4
Heard.....	58	1499	190	474	.401	79	128	.617	442	55	126	459	7.9
Clemens.....	82	1447	252	484	.521	76	90	.844	288	64	198	580	7.1
Rule.....	16	243	45	124	.363	23	43	.535	55	6	27	113	7.1
Cross.....	74	1424	152	355	.428	103	140	.736	509	63	135	407	5.5
Brown.....	33	359	59	180	.328	22	29	.759	37	60	44	140	4.2
Ford.....	26	181	33	66	.500	26	33	.788	11	26	21	92	3.5

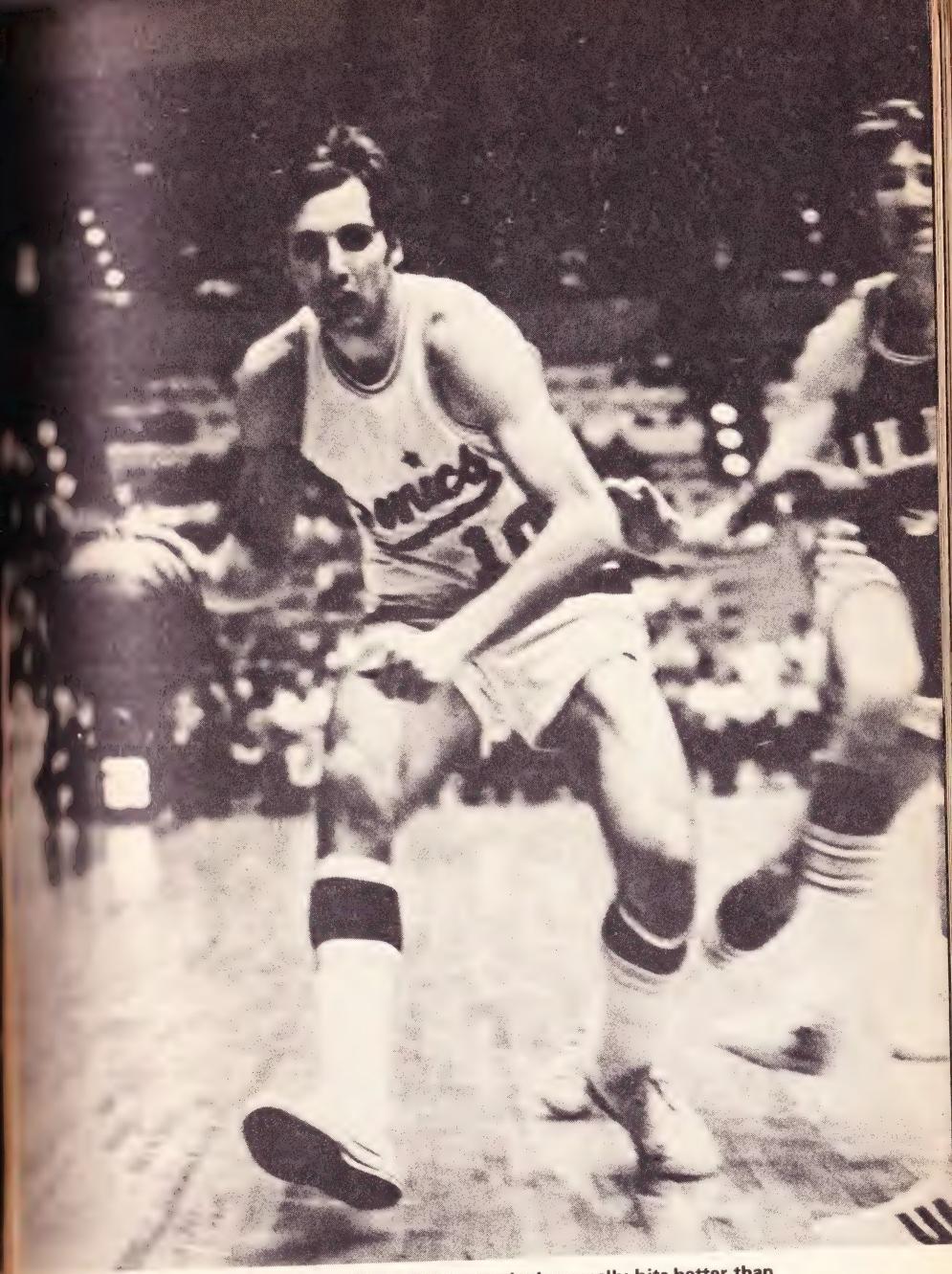
Super Sonics in Action



Seattle looks to big Spencer Haywood (24) for most of its point production. He averaged 26.2 a game last year.



Butch Beard, obtained in late trade with Cleveland,
will take Lenny Wilkens' place in backcourt for Sonics



Dick Snyder (10) is a 6-5 forward who usually hits better than
50 per cent of his field goal attempts.

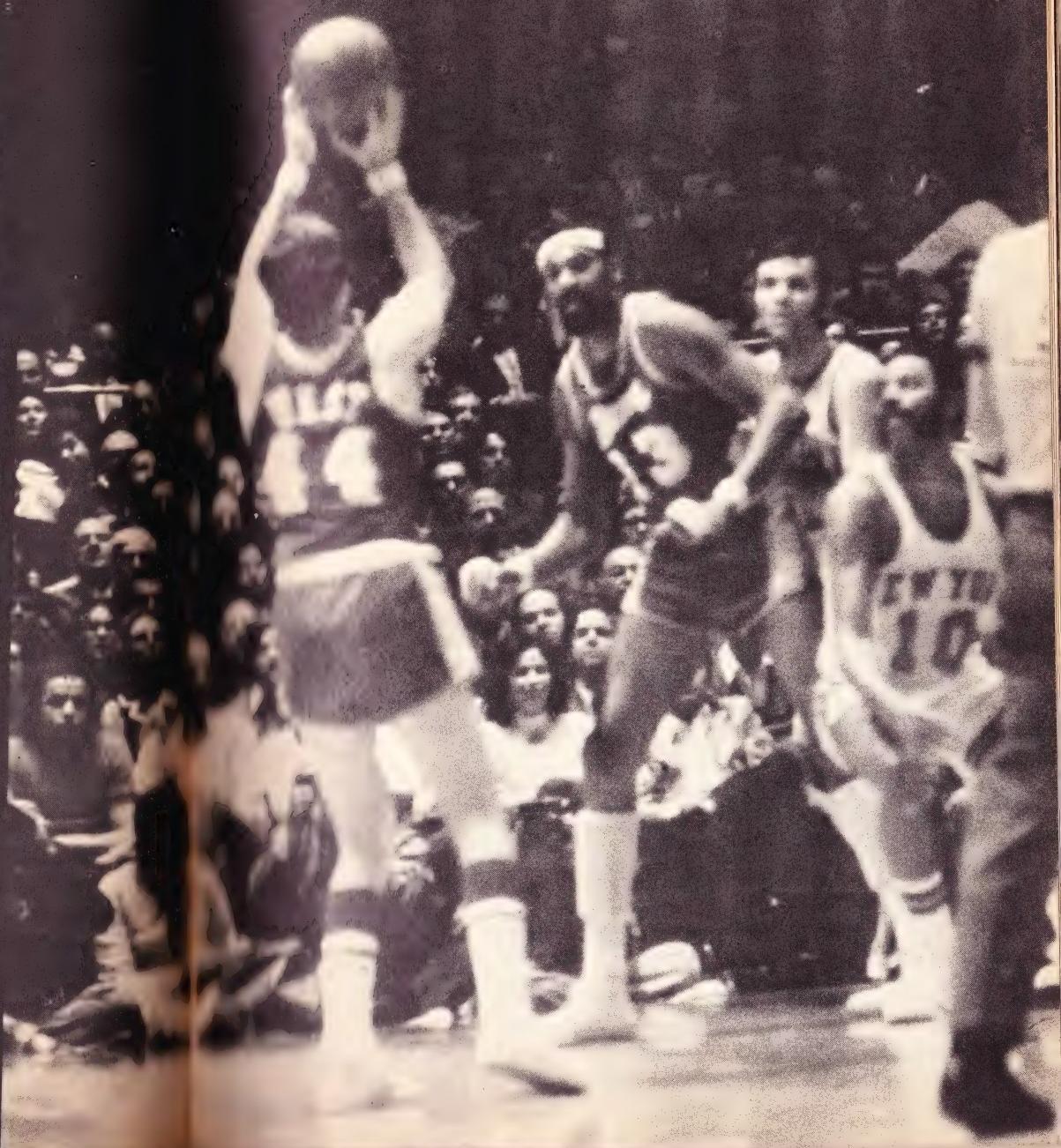
LAKERS GO ALL THE WAY

1972 PLAYOFF RECAP

The playoffs started normally enough: Milwaukee breezed past Golden State; Los Angeles coasted over injury-riddled Chicago; the Knicks struggled to best Baltimore; and Boston won over Atlanta as expected.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar handled the Warriors all by himself (ho-hum). Dick Motta couldn't do

Jerry West (44) of Lakers gets set to feed Wilt Chamberlain (13) in final game of playoffs. No. 10 is Walt Frazier.



much to prevent the Lakers from romping because every time he looked, another of his Bulls was hurt (ho-hum). New York played a roller-coaster series with the Bullets, managing to win in six games. But what the heck—without Willis Reed, the Knicks weren't expected to be playoff challengers. And neither were the inconsistent Hawks, who were eliminated by Boston. This was the expected (ho-hum).

Now the real excitement was starting.

Wilt vs. Kareem. The disciplined Knicks vs. the race horse Celtics.

Whoever won the Laker-Buck series would be champions. That's the statement Wilt Chamberlain made. But beating the Bucks would be something else. Something, of course, Wilt would rise to the occasion to accomplish.

Larry Costello, the Milwaukee

coach, went out on the proverbial limb when the series was tied at 2-2. "It will be a six-game series," Costello predicted.

Costello was correct. Except the Lakers won in six games.

Wilt did just about everything. In one game, he made 10 of 10 free throws. He kept Kareem off the boards, something the experts didn't expect, but something that is perfectly logical.

During Wilt's first three years

in the league, he averaged 27.3 rebounds a game. During Kareem's first three years in the league, he grabbed 27 rebounds per game. By the numbers, Wilt is the better rebounder. His board play swung the series to the Lakers.

Meanwhile, the Knicks were surprising the Celtics, winners of the Atlantic Division.

Jerry Lucas kept Dave Cowens away from the boards and the Knicks completely confused the Celts. Whenever Hambone Williams turned around, the Knicks were creating a mismatch and Phil Jackson was turning for a layup over Williams.

The Celtics couldn't run because Walt Frazier and Dave DeBusschere made sure they didn't. Then the Celts did something foolish: they tried to play the Knicks at their own game.

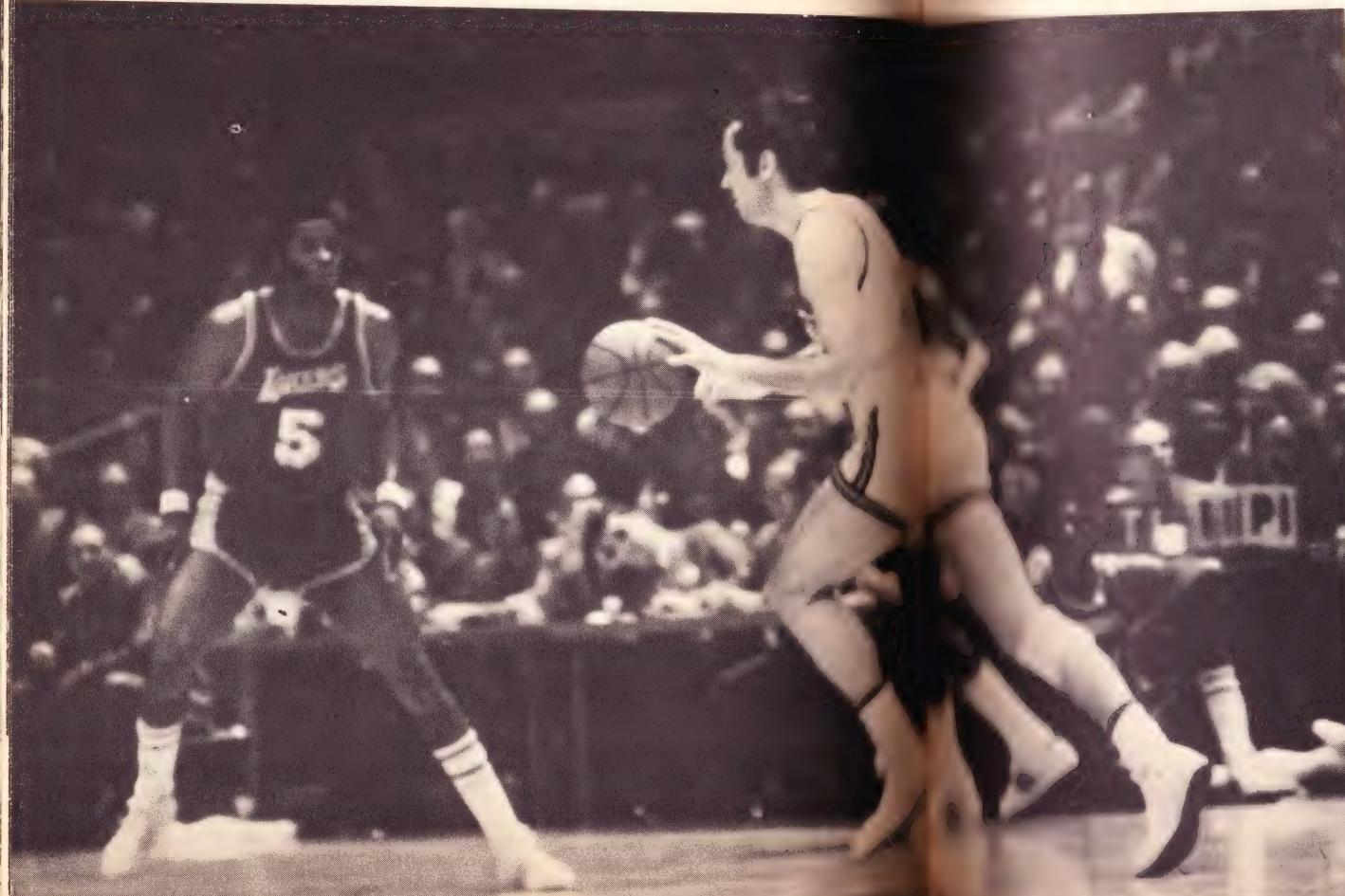
In game six, the Celts took a 14-0 lead. The Boston Garden crowd howled. Until little Dean Meminger came off the New York bench to get the Knick offense going. The Knicks won going away.

"When Willis got hurt," Bill Bradley explained, "everybody figured we'd be lucky to play .500 ball. When we made the playoffs, the public figured we might win a few games against Baltimore. When we beat the Bullets, the public figured maybe the Knicks could make a good showing against Boston. When we beat the Celtics, the public didn't know what to expect. But they still said we were the underdogs."

Certainly the Knicks were the underdogs.

But when they shot 79 per cent in the first half in game No. 1 at

One of the more interesting match-ups of the playoffs pitted Knicks' Bill Bradley (left) against Lakers' young Jim McMillian (5).



Los Angeles, the Knicks looked like the team of destiny. The Lakers' 33-game win streak and the fact that Jerry West had never won an NBA championship were forgotten for the moment.

But only for the moment.

So what that Jerry West was shooting airballs? Once DeBusschere hurt his back in game No. 2, the Knicks were finished. DeBusschere joined Dick Barnett on the bench. Old Man Knick was glum about not being able to play. "The way West is shooting," Barnett said, "I'd like to be out there to take some of the credit."

Without DeBusschere, the Knicks couldn't stop the whirlwind LA fast break. Without DeBusschere, the Knick offense sputtered.

The Knicks were in every game, but they were worn out by the fourth contest. Los Angeles

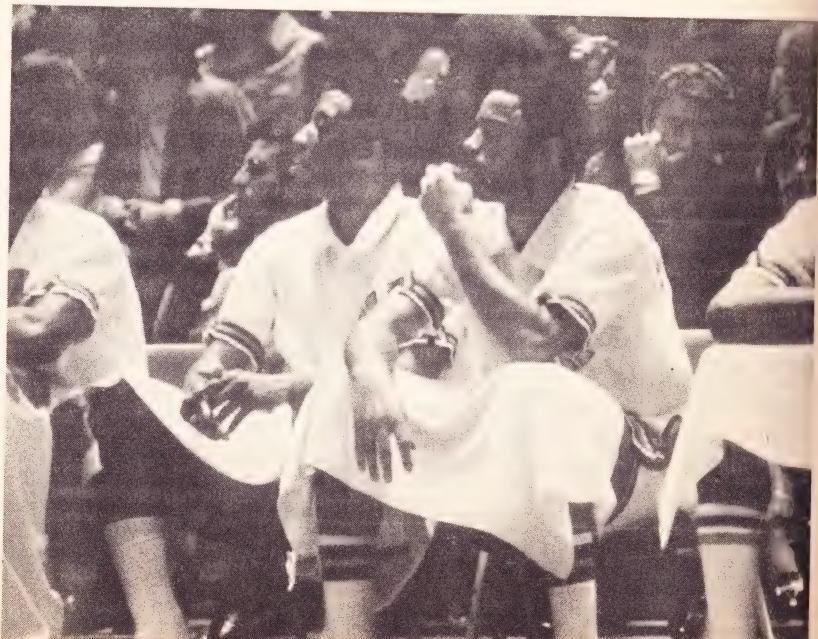
won in five games to take the NBA championship.

Wilt wasn't about to let anything stop the Lakers. He played the fourth game with a broken wrist, wearing a football lineman's pad to protect the injury. His fierce play was something.

Jerry West was a champion for the first time in his life, discounting the Olympics. And Wilt was ready to enjoy the comforts of his 1.5 million-dollar home. "My friends will be able to enjoy the summer without having to answer questions about why my team lost in the final round," Wilt said. "It will be a summer of peace."

The summer of peace capped the Laker season perfectly. Bill Sharman joined Alex Hannum as the only professional coaches to win championships in both leagues. L.A. was the team of destiny.

Faces of Dick Barnett (left) and Walt Frazier reflect Knicks' sagging fortunes as Lakers take lead in finale.



CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES STATISTICS

L.A. - vs N.Y.	G	Min.	FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Rbnd	Asst	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
Gundrich	5	198	46	98	.469	36	41	13	13	128	25.6
West	5	206	38	117	.325	23	29	20	44	99	19.8
Chamberlain	5	236	39	65	.600	19	35	116	13	97	19.4
McMillian	5	217	31	83	.373	22	23	21	7	84	16.8
Hairson	5	201	27	58	.466	17	22	73	7	71	14.2
Hiley	5	81	9	33	.273	7	10	9	4	25	5.0
Robinson	2	17	3	8	.375	1	1	3	1	7	3.5
Ellis	5	51	7	12	.583	1	2	21	5	15	3.0
Clemons	2	6	2	4	.500	0	0	2	2	4	2.0
Trapp	3	12	2	7	.286	1	1	1	1	5	1.7

N.Y. - vs L.A.

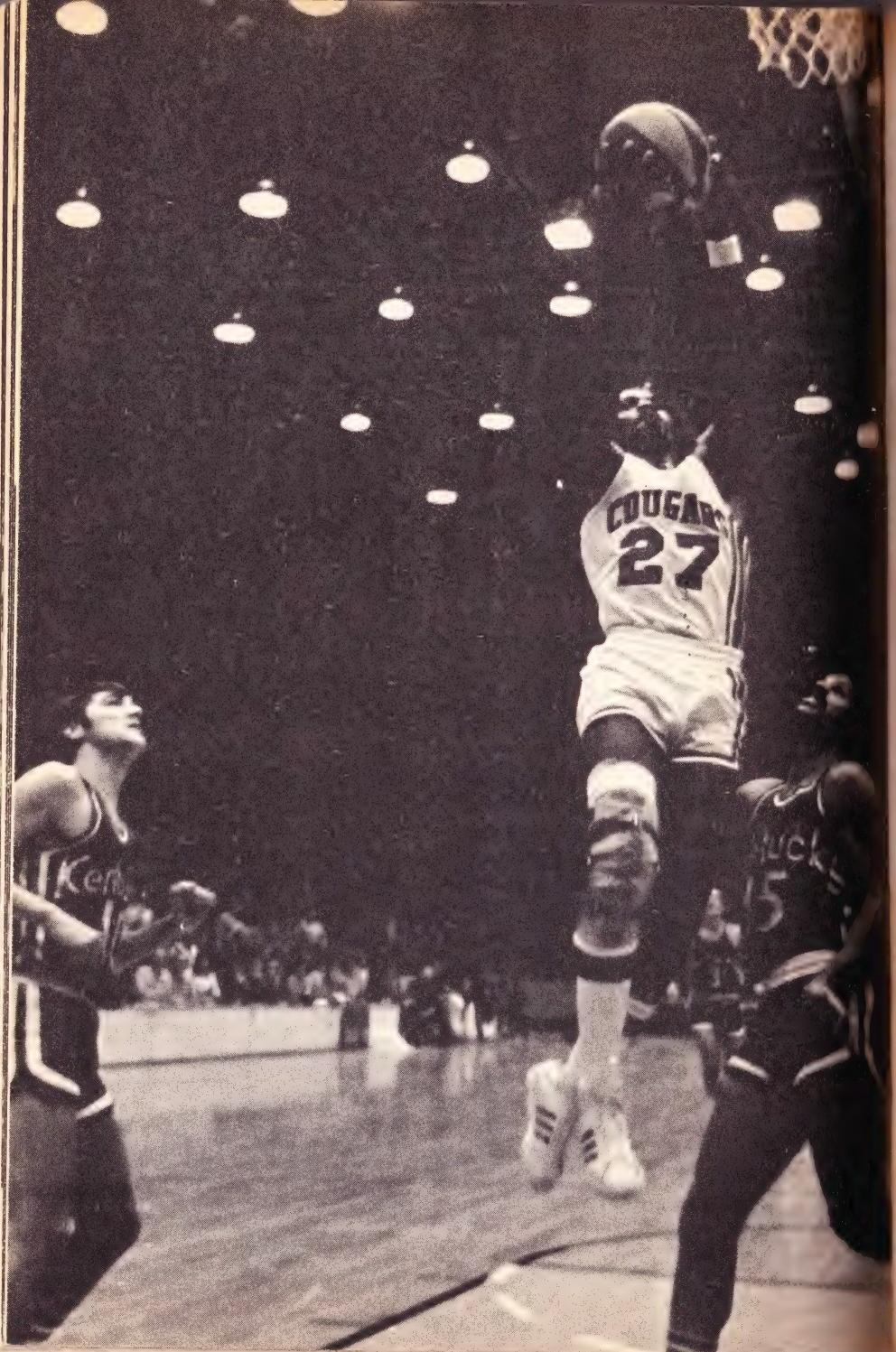
Frazier	5	227	48	82	.585	19	27	40	40	115	23.0
Lucas	5	233	46	92	.500	12	15	49	31	104	20.8
Bradley	5	201	41	84	.488	16	20	13	16	98	19.6
Jackson	5	107	23	42	.548	11	16	29	3	57	11.4
DeBusschere	5	166	24	64	.375	4	9	64	11	52	10.4
Munroe	5	103	12	43	.279	10	12	10	13	34	6.8
Barnett	4	48	12	20	.600	2	6	4	3	26	6.5
Meminger	5	109	7	18	.389	5	10	17	10	19	3.8
Mast	4	9	2	4	.500	0	0	5	0	4	1.0
Miles	3	6	0	2	.000	2	2	3	0	2	0.5
Hackley	4	11	1	7	.143	0	0	2	0	2	0.5
Pault	3	5	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

TEAM STATISTICS — OFFENSE

G	FIELD GOALS			FREE THROWS			SCORING Points	Avg.	
	Made	Att.	Pct.	Made	Att.	Pct.			
Atl.	6	261	.594	.439	156	215	.726	678	113.0
Bos.	11	485	1035	.469	272	349	.779	1242	112.9
Mil.	11	495	1106	.448	206	267	.772	1196	108.7
N.Y.	16	671	1431	.469	364	483	.754	1706	106.6
L.A.	15	608	1416	.429	383	511	.750	1599	106.6
Was.	5	197	486	.405	109	141	.773	503	100.6
Chi.	4	168	393	.427	66	84	.786	402	100.5
Balt.	6	217	498	.436	147	185	.795	581	96.8

TEAM STATISTICS — DEFENSE

Allowed By	G	FIELD GOALS			FREE THROWS			SCORING Points	Avg.
		Made	Att.	Pct.	Made	Att.	Pct.		
N.Y.	16	613	1444	.425	405	525	.771	1631	101.9
Mil.	11	433	1069	.405	259	360	.719	1125	102.3
L.A.	15	652	1467	.444	247	333	.742	1551	103.4
Balt.	6	253	550	.460	129	168	.768	635	105.8
Chi.	4	168	348	.483	106	128	.828	442	110.5
Was.	5	227	492	.461	106	135	.785	560	112.0
Bos.	11	463	1015	.456	310	413	.751	1236	112.4
Atl.	6	293	574	.510	141	173	.815	727	121.2

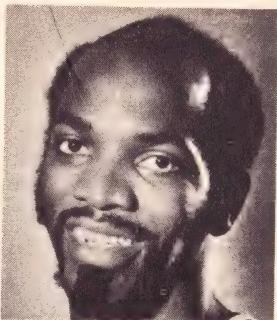


CAROLINA COUGARS

■ Three years ago, the Houston Mavericks became the Carolina Cougars and basketball's first regional franchise was born. A lot of things have happened since the franchise was acquired. Joe Caldwell jumped to Carolina from Atlanta in 1970, the same year the Cougars failed to sign Pistol Pete Maravich after he was supposedly locked up. Not to be outdone, owner Tedd Munchak acquired Jim McDaniels (signing him secretly during his senior year). McDaniels averaged 26.8 points a game as a rookie and promptly jumped to Seattle of the NBA at the tailend of last season. In the win-one, lose-one set of events, the Cougars won the legal battle for the rights to Billy Cunningham, who is jumping from the Philadelphia 76ers. Carolina has a new coach, Larry Brown, and a new-look team which should be improved over last season. Cunningham and Caldwell give the Cougars two outstanding forwards while Mack Calvin is a big plus at guard. The ultimate success of the club will rest on the shoulders on the big men, Mike Lewis, Brent, and either Wayne Hightower or Mike Grosso. Carolina will battle with Memphis for a playoff spot.

Joe Caldwell (27), the strong man of the Cougars, is great shooter and aggressive man under boards.

Key Players



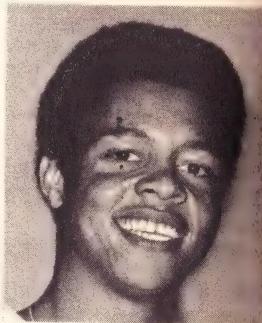
JOE CALDWELL
F, 6-5, 200, 9th Yr., Arizona State

One of the first "big" name players to jump leagues (in 1970), Caldwell has been plagued by injuries the past two seasons. In his first season with Carolina, Caldwell averaged a career high of 23.3 points before suffering a broken jaw and torn knee ligaments down the stretch. He returned last season and averaged 16.9 points. It also marked the seventh consecutive year that Caldwell had scored more than 1,000 points. He was drafted by the Hawks after an outstanding career at Arizona State.

MACK CALVIN

G, 6-0, 175, 4th Yr., Southern California

Acquired from the Floridians after the franchise folded, Calvin is one of the top backcourt players in the ABA. A relative unknown at USC despite the fact he made the All-PAC-8, Calvin was drafted by the Los Angeles Stars and averaged 16.8 points and made the All-Rookie team. Traded to the Floridians, Calvin averaged 27.2 and 21.1 the past two seasons. He finished second in the league last year with a percentage of .872 from the free throw line.



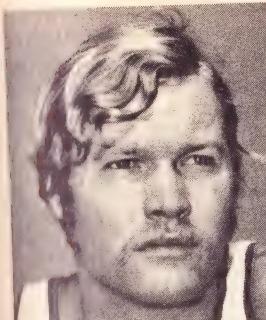
BILLY CUNNINGHAM

F, 6-7, 215, 8th Yr., North Carolina

One of the premier forwards in basketball, Cunningham joined the Cougars after spending seven seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers where he averaged better than 21 points a game and was a four-time All-NBA selection. He was Philly's first draft choice in 1965 after an All-American career at North Carolina. Cunningham spent his first couple pro campaigns as a top reserve. His presence will give the Cougars strong offensive firepower and rebounding.

TOP ROOKIE DAVID BRENT

Dave Brent, a 7-0 center who was drafted and signed by Memphis following his sophomore season at Jacksonville, is the future man in the middle for Carolina. He came to the Cougars in an off-season trade. Brent is an excellent defensive player and rebounder, but will need to improve his shooting touch.



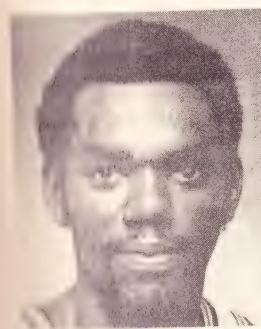
MIKE LEWIS
F-C, 6-8, 225, 5th Yr., Duke

Lewis was acquired from the now defunct Pittsburgh Condors. As a starting center, he averaged 11.4 points and 12.2 rebounds and hit .540 of his field goal attempts. Big Mike played his college ball at Duke and was drafted by the Indiana Pacers who traded him away midway through his rookie season. Lewis grabbed more than 1,000 rebounds in each of the two campaigns prior to last season when he had 996. He can be used at either forward or center.



GENE LITTLES
G, 6-1, 175, 4th Yr., High Point

A two-time NAIA All-American at High Point, Littles was the first hometown player signed by the Cougars. He averaged 12.5 points a game and was named to the ABA's second All-Rookie team in 1970. Littles average dropped to 8.1 the following year. Last season, while being used as a part-time starter, his average climbed to a 10.8 norm. Littles will battle Ted McClain and rookies Steve Previs and Jerry Crocker for a starting job.



TED McCLAIN
F, 6-3, 180, 2nd Yr., Tennessee State

McClain came to Carolina last season as a highly-touted rookie out of Tennessee State where he was a small-college All-American. The "Hound" was a big disappointment averaging 6.55 points a game while shooting only .373 from the floor. In four seasons of college play, McClain averaged 25.8 points, hitting nearly 44 percent of his field goal attempts. He did show moments of brilliance, but they were few and far between.



LARRY BROWN
COACH

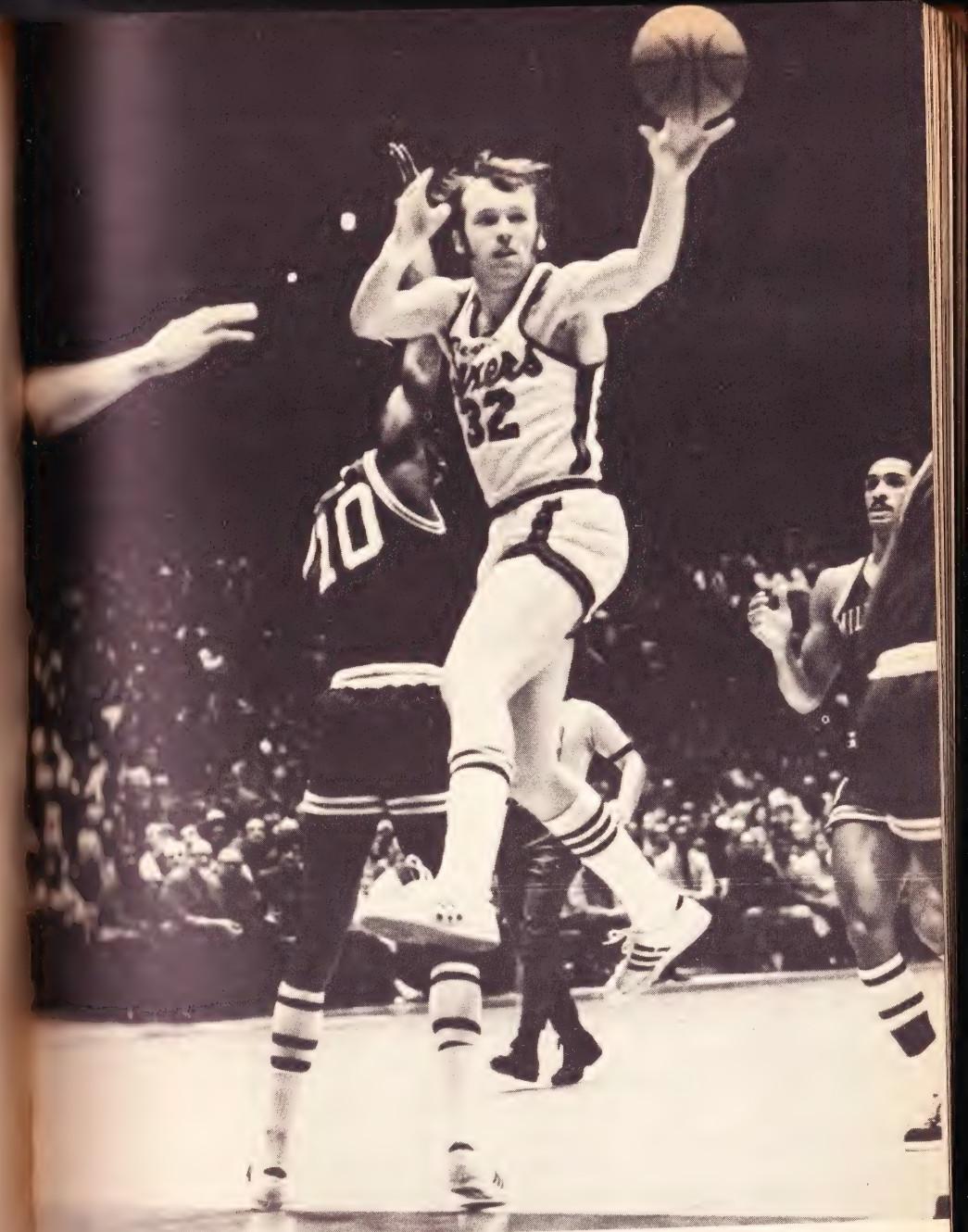
A former two-time All-American at North Carolina, member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic team and a five-year ABA pro, Brown was named coach of Carolina during the off-season. Brown, at 5-9 one of the smallest players in pro ball, was an MVP in the 1967-68 All-Star game and led the league in assists two consecutive seasons. He played with New Orleans, Oakland, Washington, Virginia and Denver.

CAROLINA 1971-72 STATISTICS

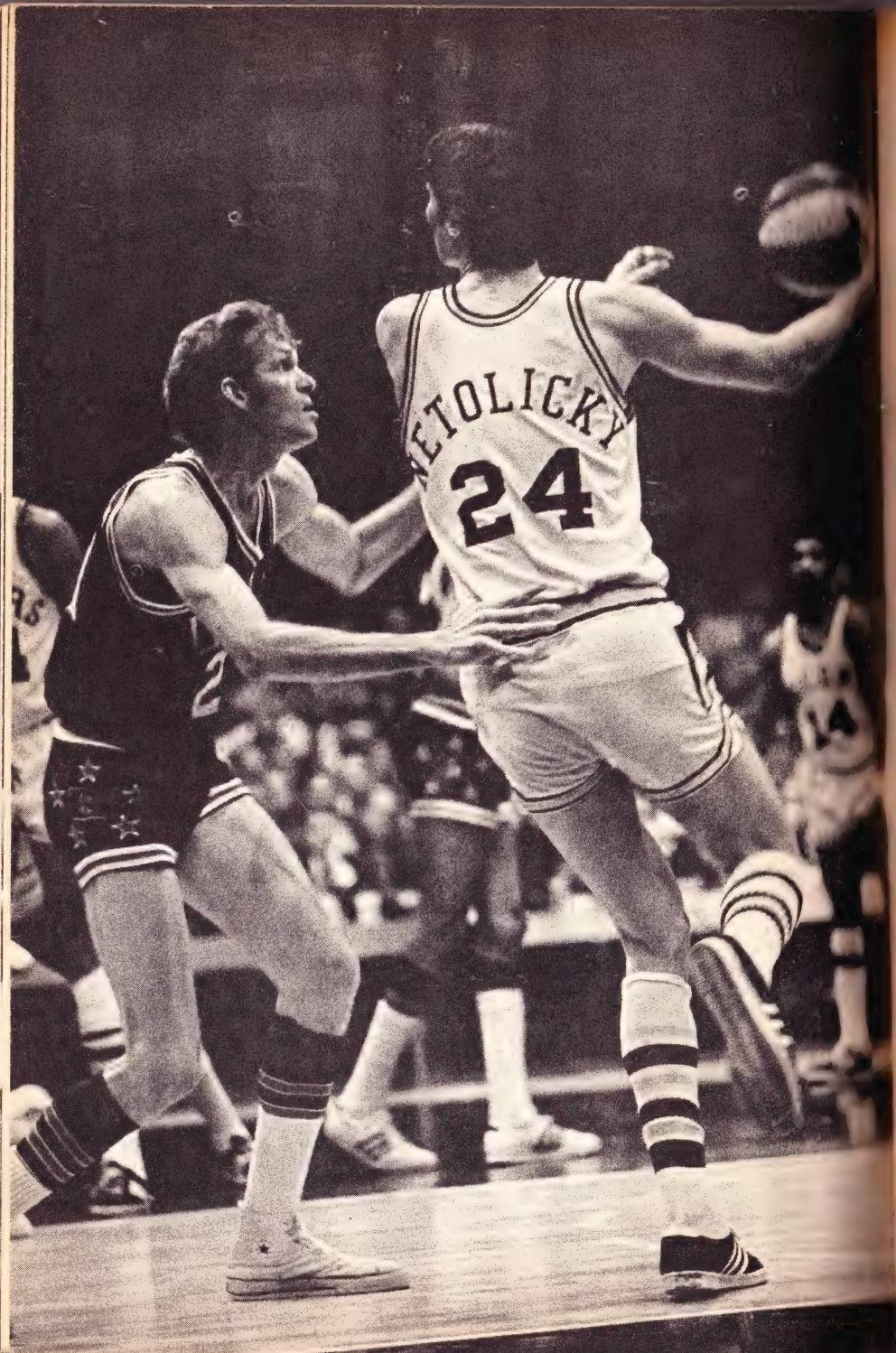
	GP	FGM - FGA	PCT.	3-POINT FGM - FGA	PCT.	REBOUNDS FT.	TOTAL POINTS	Avg.
J. McDaniels	58	659	.526	516	0	0.000	234	814
L. Miller	83	550	.466	12	.47	.255	393	399
J. Calowell	61	429	.476	5	.20	.250	159	343
**G. Carter	29	161	.347	.464	0	0.000	157	151
**G. Carter	75	538	.1217	.442	0	0.000	388	506
**S. Johnson	50	270	.618	.437	13	.40	.325	53
**S. Johnson	67	352	.827	.426	16	.47	.340	73
**W. Ladner	43	185	.444	.417	34	.139	.245	51
*W. Ladner	82	430	.1051	.409	61	.236	.258	122
G. Littles	69	273	.579	.472	7	.26	.269	178
**T. Owens	31	98	.190	.516	1	.3	.333	55
*T. Owens	69	196	.397	.494	1	.5	.200	109
E. Manning	77	228	.496	.460	0	0	0.000	95
T. McClain	64	135	.362	.373	13	.53	.245	110
W. Hightower	13	20	.62	.323	0	2	0.000	30
**B. Warren	37	70	.150	.467	3	.17	.176	39
*B. Warren	75	302	.652	.463	11	.55	.200	213
G. Lehmann	38	170	.314	.541	49	.125	.392	122
W. Davis	41	223	.463	.482	0	1	0.000	111
B. Denton	39	147	.338	.435	0	1	0.000	39
B. Verga	8	20	.49	.408	3	.10	.300	10
G. Stone	16	28	.70	.400	0	.5	0.000	16
F. Card	9	10	.47	.213	0	1	0.000	18
R. Dorsey	1	2	.7	.286	0	1	0.000	0
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* Total with club

* Total for season



Sharpshooting Billy Cunningham, ex-Philadelphia star, brings scoring punch to Carolina this year.



DALLAS CHAPARRALS

In each of the first five years of the American Basketball Association, the Dallas Chaparrals made the post-season playoffs. The success of the team hasn't been registered at the gate and a regional franchise was even tried for a season. Last year Tom Nissalke won Coach-of-the-Year honors and did a good job of molding the club. At last, the group of millionaires who own the Chaps looked like they were going to get some return of their investment. Then, in rapid fashion, Dallas allowed Nissalke to get away (to Seattle of the NBA), gave John Brisker (acquired from Pittsburgh) his unconditional release and traded leading scorer Don Freeman to Indiana. Babe McCarthy has been hired to handle the team and the only notable pickup was Bob Netolicky from the Indiana Pacers. It could be that the owners are holding back the money to offer it all to Bill Walton, the UCLA All-Everything, who was taken in a draft last season. Walton will be a junior and may decide to turn pro at the end of the upcoming campaign. He would be the type of player who would make a franchise a huge success. Dallas will likely make the playoffs again, only because the new San Diego team might be the worst expansion team of any type ever put together.

Former Indiana scoring whiz Bob Netolicky (24) came to Dallas in major off-season trade with Pacers.

Key Players



JOE HAMILTON
G, 5-10, 175, 3rd Yr., North Texas State

One of the smallest players in pro ball, Hamilton averaged 10.7 points a game for the Chaps last year after hitting at a 15.6 norm and earning a spot on ABA All-Rookie team in 1970-71. Hamilton was originally a third-round draft choice of the Chaps after an outstanding career at North Texas State where he was a two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference selection. Two years ago, Hamilton was second on the club in minutes played. He should get more playing time with the departure of Denie Freeman.

RICH JONES

F-C, 6-8, 230, 4th Yr., Memphis State

Jones is coming off his finest season as a pro which saw him average 14.3 points and 8.5 rebounds a game. More important, Rich matured as a player defensively and cut down on his often erratic shooting. He was the top assist man among the Chaps front-court players. Jones' pro career started in Italy where he played a season for Ignis. He had originally been a future draft choice of Dallas. Among the big men, Jones is one of the best three-point shooters in the ABA.



STEVE JONES

G-F, 6-5, 205, 6th Yr., Portland

Signed as a free agent prior to the 1971-72 season after previously performing for Oakland and New Orleans-Memphis, Jones wound up as the Chaps' second leading scorer with an 18.3 average. He originally broke in with Oakland after a great college career at the University of Portland. Prior to joining the Chaps, Jones had averaged better than 20 points a game in each of the last two seasons. His brother, Nick, plays for the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association. Jones played the most minutes for the Chaps and was the only one to play in all 84 games.

TOP ROOKIE

ANSLEY TRUITT

Ansley Truitt could be the intimidating type of center the Chaparrals have been searching for over the past couple of years. The 6-9 standout has great potential (more than he cared to show in school). Last season, Truitt led California with an 18.8 average and also collected 13.2 rebounds per game.

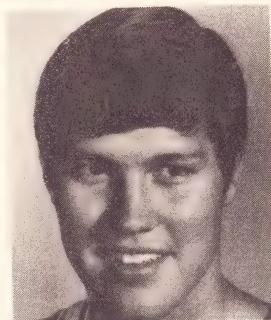


EUGENE KENNEDY
F, 6-6, 205, 2nd Yr., Texas Christian

A 13th round draft pick of the Chaparrals in 1971, Kennedy was one of the big surprises in the entire ABA. As a rookie he averaged 8.6 points and 7.5 rebounds a game and shot a remarkable .576 from the floor. Kennedy's talent was apparent to all in the Southwest Conference, for as a senior at TCU, he was a unanimous All-SWC and the "Player of the Year." As a senior, Kennedy averaged 20.3 points and 16.6 rebounds per contest. He is known as "Goo."

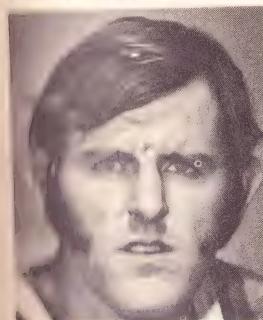
BOB NETOLICKY
F C, 6-9, 220, 6th Yr., Drake

One of the big moves for Dallas during the off-season was the acquisition of Netolicky from the Indiana Pacers. An original member of the Pacers (No. 2 draft pick out of Drake), Neto has an ABA career scoring average of better than 18 points a game. He has also grabbed more than 10 rebounds a game. Last year, Netolicky hit for 15.1 points a game, the lowest norm of his pro career. His swarming hook is one of the deadliest in basketball. Neto is considered a "flake" and owns an ocelot, a lizard and a boa constrictor.



HARLEY SWIFT
G, 6-3, 205, 4th Yr., East Tennessee State

Acquired from the roster of the Pittsburgh Condors, Swift will add depth to the Dallas backcourt, both as a starter and top reserve. A standout at East Tennessee State, Swift was originally drafted by the New Orleans Bucs (Memphis). He came to Pittsburgh part way through the 1970-71 season and averaged better than 13 points a game in each of the two campaigns. Nicknamed "Skeeter," the hard-charging guard was second on the Condors in assists.



JOHN McCARTHY
COACH

The only coach to survive since the inception of the American Basketball Association in 1967, John McCarthy takes over at Dallas after five seasons with the New Orleans-Memphis franchise. His 1969-70 team won the Western Division championship and reached the ABA finals only to lose to Pittsburgh in seven games. McCarthy was Coach-of-the-Year in 1969. Prior to joining the pros, he coached at Mississippi State and George Washington.

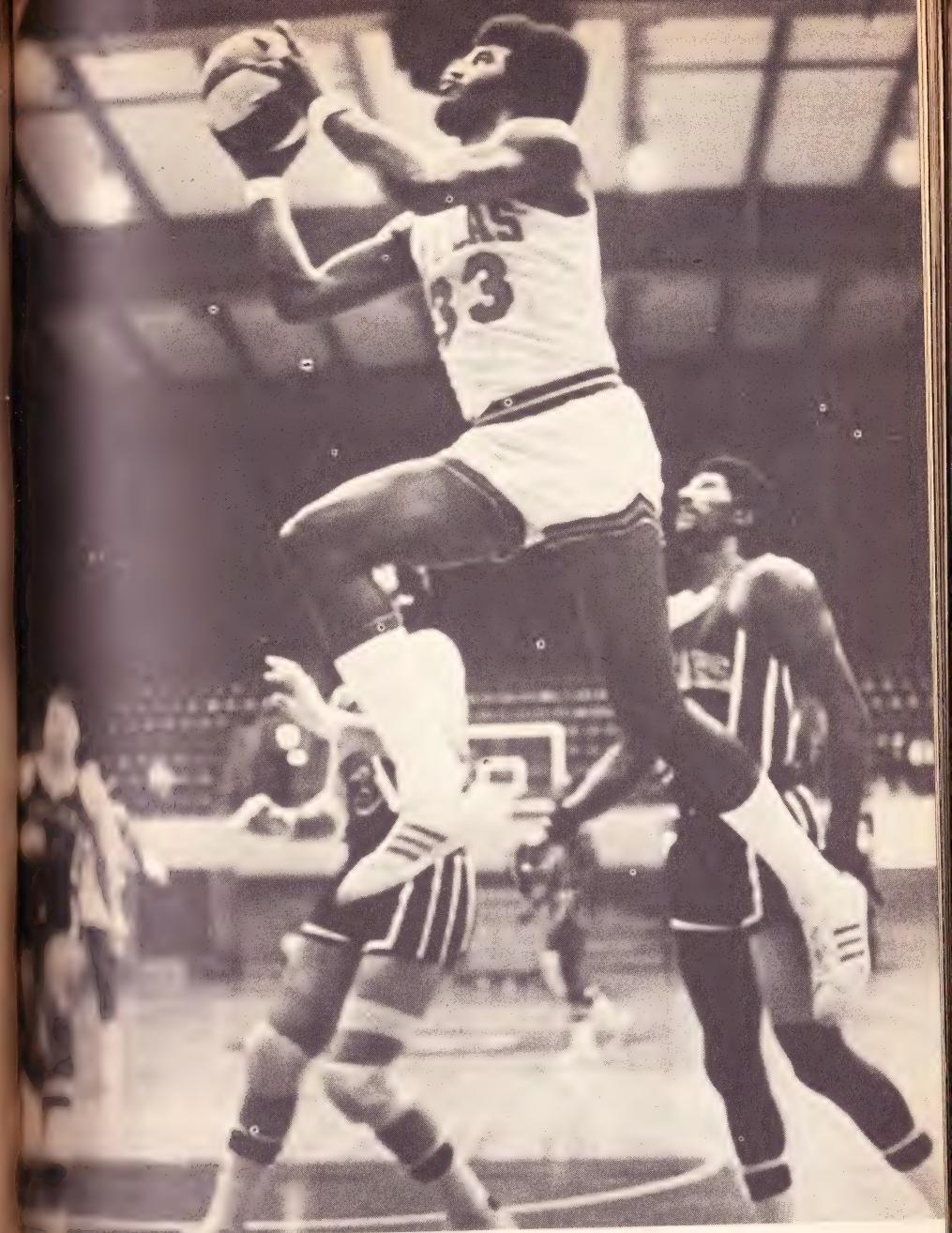


DALLAS 1971-72 STATISTICS

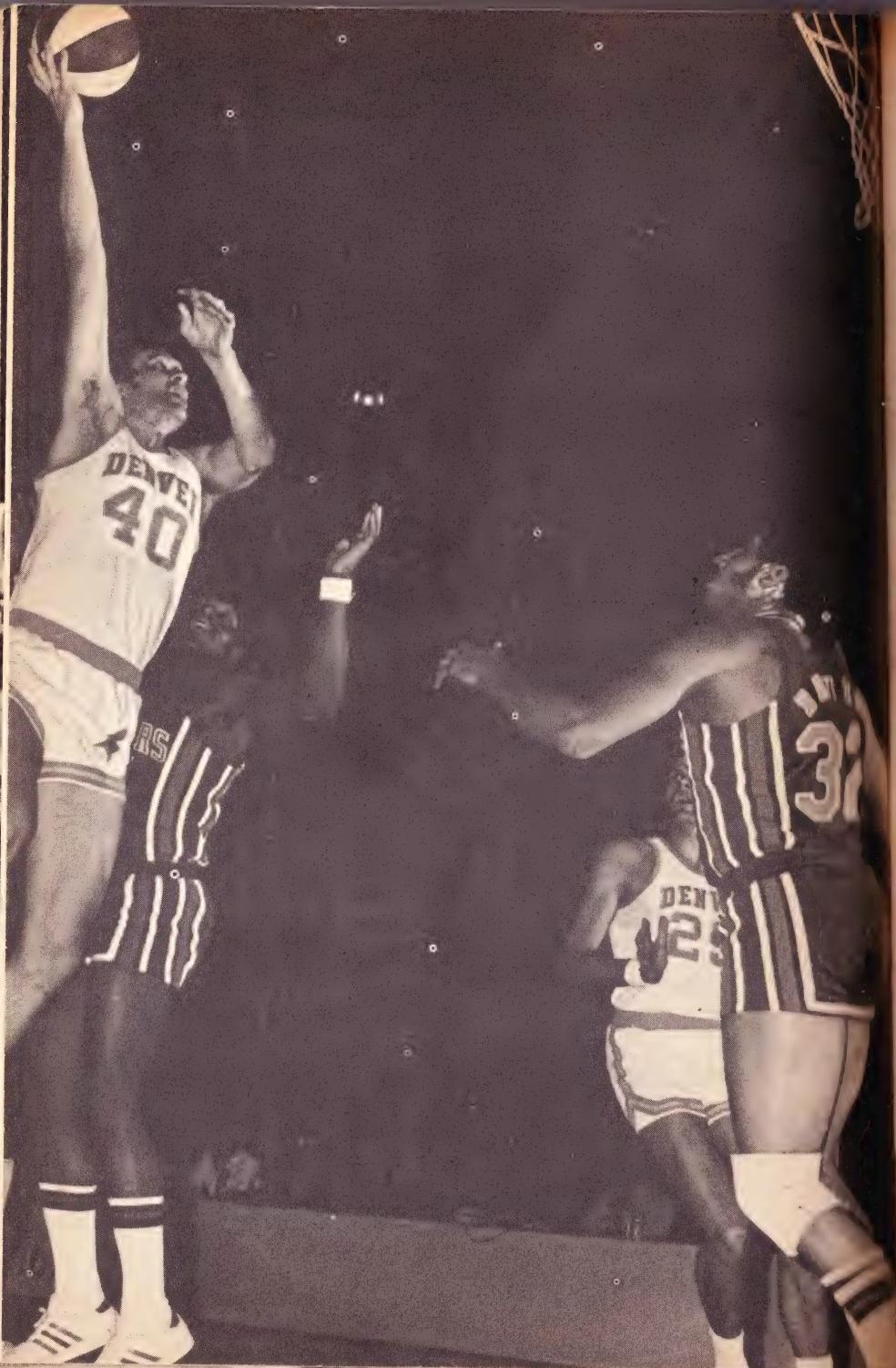
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D. FREEMAN	72	626	.431	.470	.2	5	.400	475	206
S. JONES	84	546	.426	.432	.26	78	.333	367	317
R. JONES	82	461	.106	.458	.14	47	.298	212	696
J. HAMILTON	82	271	.659	.411	.46	132	.348	201	194
S. HILL	70	277	.616	.450	.4	13	.308	129	406
G. KENNEDY	65	234	.406	.576	.0	0	0.000	88	485
L. CHAPPELL	79	231	.511	.452	.0	0	0.000	144	318
S. HALIMON	55	123	.292	.421	.0	2	0.000	62	156
C. JONES	78	162	.368	.440	.1	4	.250	90	334
G. JOHNSON	67	128	.282	.454	.0	0	0.000	61	484
B. QUICK	6	8	.15	.533	.0	0	0.000	10	14
G. PHILLIPS	28	23	.59	.390	.7	17	.412	11	21
G. MOORE	9	41	.100	.410	.0	0	0.000	12	74
J. BEASLEY	12	42	.83	.506	.0	2	0.000	24	90
G. PEEPLES	6	11	.25	.440	.0	0	0.000	7	35
J. CONGOON	20	27	.79	.342	.3	7	.429	17	26
R. NIEMANN	33	48	.98	.490	.0	0	0.000	25	155
R. SANFORD	1	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0

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Rich Jones (33), the Chaparrals' mobile forward, sails high for two points against Cougars.



DENVER ROCKETS

■ After an absence of nearly 20 years, professional basketball returned to the Mile High City of Denver in 1967 when one of the original American Basketball franchises was awarded to J.W. (Bill) Ringsby, chairman of the board of a vast trucking system. Now, in the sixth season, the Denver Rockets are one of only four original franchise cities, the others being Dallas, Louisville and Indianapolis. Ringsby shook the basketball world in 1969 when he signed Spencer Haywood to a hardship contract out of the University of Detroit. Haywood played one season, winning the MVP and Rookie of the Year Honors and helping lead the Rockets to the ABA's Western Division regular season championship. Shortly after, Haywood jumped Denver to sign eventually with the Seattle SuperSonics of the National Basketball Association. Not to be outdone, Ringsby went out and signed Ralph Simpson to a hardship contract out of Michigan State. Then, before the start of last season, Ringsby turned the operation of the Rockets over to Alex Hannum, naming him president, general manager and head coach. The Rockets figure to have one of the best backcourts in the league with Simpson and Warren Jabali, acquired from the now-defunct Floridians. And since they are in the Western Division, which also includes San Diego, a playoff berth is virtually assured.

Denver forward Byron Beck (40), a quick 6-9 shooting star, is key man on offense for Rockets.

Key Players



BYRON BECK

C, 6-9, 230, 6th Yr., Denver

The workhorse of the Denver Rockets in their first five seasons, Beck has played more minutes and more games than any other player in the team's history. He is a charter member of the Denver franchise, having been drafted in the second round in 1967. Beck averaged 12.3 points and eight rebounds a game last season, maintaining his pro average. He also shot better than 50 percent from the floor for the third time in his career. Beck was also a second round choice of the Chicago Bulls of the NBA.

WARREN JABALI

G-F, 6-2, 210, 5th Yr., Wichita State

Acquired from the Floridians after the franchise folded, Jabali will add offensive punch to the Denver attack. He averaged 19.9 points and eight rebounds a game last season and hit 102-three point field goals, second best in the league. Jabali also led the Floridians in assists with better than six a game. He was originally drafted by Oakland and won Rookie-of-the-Year honors in 1968-69, averaging 21.5 points. He had been an outstanding collegian at Wichita State, where he was an All-Missouri Valley Conference selection.



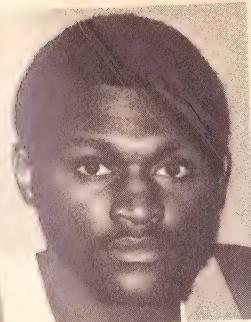
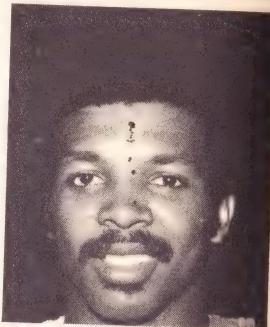
JULIUS KEYE

F-C, 6-10, 200, 4th Yr., Alcorn A&M

The ninth leading rebounder in the ABA last year, with an average of 11.7, Keye was especially impressive in the playoffs, grabbing off 16.1 in seven games. He has been a big surprise for the Rockets after having been drafted in the 13th round in 1969. Keye's scoring average dipped to 5.9 in 1971-72 after reaching a pro high of 14.7 the year before, when he was selected to play in the ABA All Star game.

TOP ROOKIE CLAUDE TERRY

Claude Terry, a 6-5 swingman, figures to add depth to the Denver roster this season. The All-American guard from Stanford, where he was the team's top player over the last two seasons, will likely see most of his action in the backcourt.



WILLIE LONG

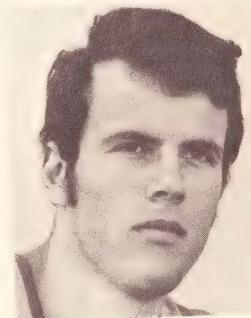
F, 6-8, 225, 2nd Yr., New Mexico

Long came to Denver in the draft from the clubs (Floridians) which folded. As a rookie last season, Long averaged 11.7 points and 6.8 rebounds a game. He was the Floridians No. 2 draft pick after an outstanding career at New Mexico. As a senior, Long led the Western Athletic Conference in scoring and finished fifth in rebounding. He also wound up as the leading career scorer in his school's history, topping Mel Daniels mark.

DAVE ROBISCH

C, 6-10, 240, 2nd Yr., Kansas

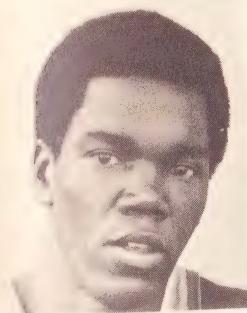
Robisch was one of the real bright spots for the Rockets last season, averaging 15.5 points and 9.6 rebounds as a rookie. He wound up as the second leading scorer and rebounder on the club. Robisch was the Rockets fifth round draft pick in 1971 after a great college career at Kansas. He was a two-time All-American and averaged 21.2 points a game for three seasons. Robisch figures to be the big man in the middle for Denver this season.



RALPH SIMPSON

G, 6-5, 200, 3rd Yr., Michigan State

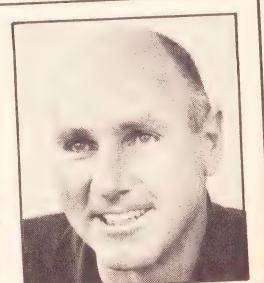
Simpson showed last season that he will be a superstar in pro basketball for years to come. The 6-5 Rockets guard averaged 27.4 points a game (fifth best in the league) in a season when, by rights, he would have been only a college senior. Simpson was signed by Denver in 1970 as a hardship. In his rookie year, he averaged 14.2 points a game. As a sophomore at Michigan State (his only college season) Simpson averaged 29 points a game. He was a member of the ABA's All-Star team.



ALEX HANNUM

COACH

Alex Hannum, the only coach in the history of basketball to handle championship teams in the National Basketball Association (St. Louis in 1958 and Philadelphia in 1967), the American Basketball Association (Oakland in 1969) and the Amateur Athletic Union (Wichita Vickers in 1959), is in his second year with Denver. The 48-year-old Hannum also serves as President and General Manager of the Rockets. Prior to coaching Hannum played pro ball with Syracuse, Baltimore, Rochester, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Ft. Wayne.

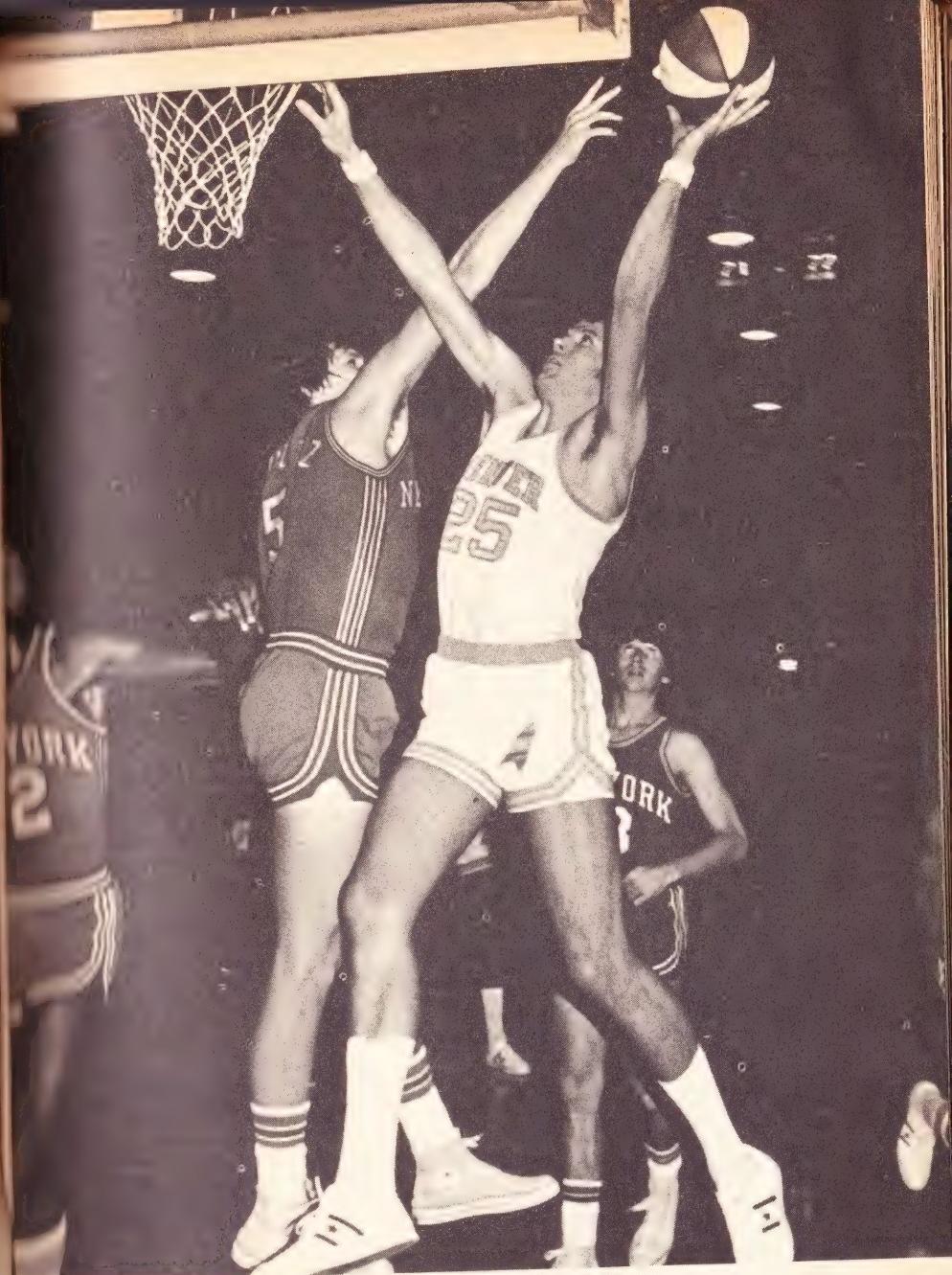


DENVER 1971-72 STATISTICS

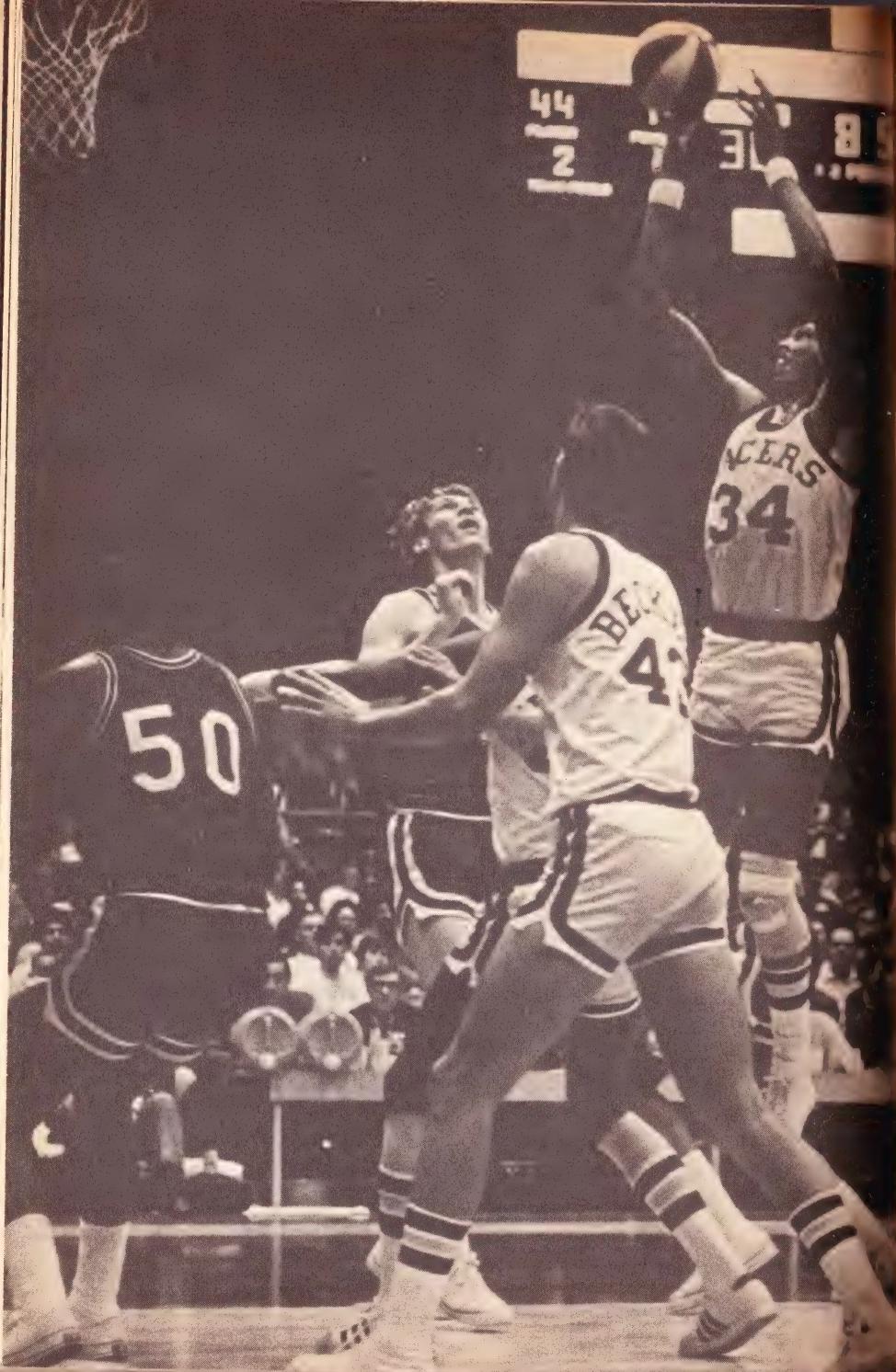
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R. SIMPSON	84	917	.1978	.464	.3	.22	.136	.457	398	4.74	2300	27.38
D. ROBISCH	84	505	.1133	.446	0	5	0.000	.294	804	9.57	1304	15.52
B. BECK	65	337	.668	.506	0	3	0.000	.140	528	8.00	814	12.33
A. BECKER	84	435	.951	.457	0	3	0.000	.165	471	5.61	1035	12.32
A. SMITH	83	260	.568	.458	32	.107	.299	.153	226	2.72	769	9.27
L. BROWN	76	238	.531	.448	5	.25	.200	.198	166	2.18	689	9.07
C.K. WILLIAMS	84	263	.579	.454	0	4	0.000	.205	157	1.87	731	8.70
**F. CARD	73	225	.494	.455	0	1	0.000	.112	330	4.52	562	7.70
*F. CARD	82	235	.541	.434	0	2	0.000	.130	358	4.37	600	7.32
M. ROPERTS	68	216	.529	.408	1	4	.250	.86	294	4.32	521	7.66
J. KEYE	84	192	.474	.405	0	2	0.000	.108	982	11.69	492	5.86
J. HAMMOND	25	66	.140	.471	0	0	0.000	.31	115	4.60	163	6.52
D. WALLER	2	2	.4	.500	0	0	0.000	0	5	2.50	4	2.00
S. MIX	1	1	1	1.000	0	0	0.000	0	1	1.00	2	2.00
S. WILSON	9	5	.21	.238	0	2	0.000	4	4	.44	14	1.56

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Nineteen center Dave Robisch (25) is tower of strength off the boards for Rockets.

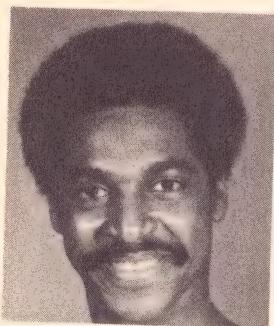


INDIANA PACERS

In the fall of 1966, a franchise in the American Basketball Association was offered to a group of Indiana businessmen. After a study, conducted by the city, indicated that the Indianapolis area could support pro basketball, the offer was accepted. In June 1967, the Indiana franchise announced it would be known as the Pacers. Mike Storen was appointed General Manager and Larry Staverman was named coach. Jimmy Walker was the first player drafted and Roger Brown was the first player signed. Since that beginning, the Pacers have become the ABA's most successful franchise, both at the box office and on the court. After finishing third the first season, the Pacers won the Eastern Division title in 1968-69 and 1969-70 and finally the ABA championship last season. Bob Leonard has been the coach of the Pacers since the 1968 season. The club remains one of the strongest in professional basketball with a bunch of quality athletes, led by Brown, Mel Daniels and the sensational George McGinnis. A new ultra-modern arena is set for the area and another championship could be forthcoming again this season. The Pacers could hold their own anywhere, anytime.

Indiana's great Mel Daniels (34) triggers Pacers' fast break by grabbing rebounds like this.

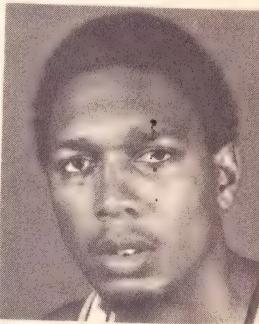
Key Players



ROGER BROWN

F-G, 6-5, 210. 6th Yr., Dayton

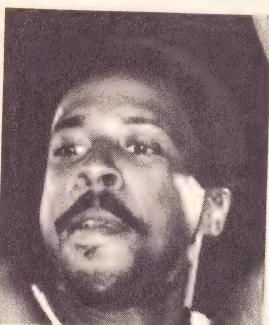
A great all-around player, Brown was the first player signed by the Pacers when the franchise was formed. He has made the All-League team three times and has a pro career scoring average of better than 20 points a game. In 1969, Brown set an ABA record which still stands when he hit a phenomenal 21 consecutive field goal attempts. Last year, Brown averaged 18.5 points, 6.4 rebounds and was second on the club in assists. He is also a member of the Indianapolis City Council.



MEL DANIELS

C, 6-9, 225, 6th Yr., New Mexico

One of the greatest buys in basketball history, Daniels came to Indiana from Minnesota following the 1967-68 season for a No. 1 draft pick, \$100,000 and two players who are no longer in the ABA. In 1968, he was Rookie-of-the-Year, the league MVP in 1969 and '71 and the All-Star Game MVP in '71. Daniels averaged 19.2 points and grabbed 16.4 rebounds (second in the league) last season. He has played in every All-Star game since the league's inception.



DON FREEMAN

G, 6-3, 185, 6th Yr., Illinois

Freeman was acquired from the Dallas Chaps for cash and future considerations during the off-season in a trade which was quite surprising. After all, Freeman averaged better than 24 points a game last year (9th in the ABA) and is a quality player. Since joining the league with Minnesota, Freeman has also seen playing time with Miami and Utah. Only in his rookie year did he fail to average at least 20 points a game. His ABA career average is 23 points. He was a college All-American at Illinois.

TOP ROOKIE DON BUSE

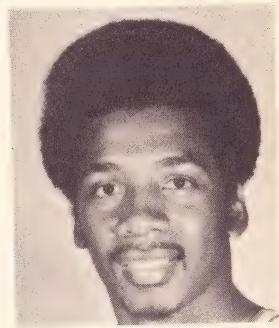
Buse, a 6-3 guard out of Evansville where he was a two-time small college All-American, figures to see lots of action in the Indiana backcourt, especially since the departure of Rick Mount. Buse averaged better than 18 points a game during his career and was a member of a small college NCAA championship team.



DARNELL HILLMAN

F, 6-9, 215, 2nd Yr., San Jose State

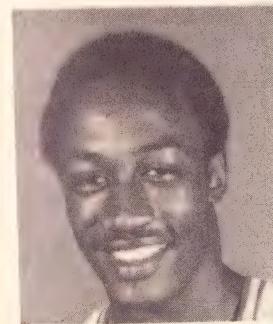
Hillman came to the Pacers as a virtual unknown, despite the fact that he was the No. 1 draft choice by both the Indiana club and the Golden State Warriors. He had spent only one year in college at San Jose State before entering the Army. In 1971, Hillman led the Armed Forces All-Stars to the AAU title and was selected as the MVP. As a rookie he averaged 7.1 points and 6.6 rebounds a game. Hillman showed great defensive prowess and shot nearly 50 percent from the field.



FRED LEWIS

G, 6-0, 180, 7th Yr., Arizona State

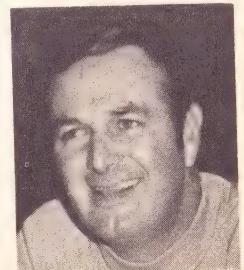
The captain of the Pacers, Lewis came to Indiana in 1967 after playing one year with the Cincinnati Royals in the NBA. A very consistent performer who directs the Pacers offense, last year, Lewis averaged 15.4 points and was tops in assists. He was at his best in the playoffs when the Pacers won the ABA championship. Lewis has an ABA career scoring average of 18 points a game. He was a standout collegian at Arizona State.



GEORGE McGINNIS

F, 6-8, 235, 2nd Yr., Indiana

McGinnis joined the Pacers last year, signing after finishing his sophomore season at the University of Indiana. As a rookie, the big forward, who is destined to become a super-star, averaged 16.9 points and 9.7 rebounds. His presence made Bob Netolicky, an All-League star, expendable. McGinnis was a prep star in football and basketball in Indiana and was named "Mr. Basketball" as a senior. As a sophomore at Indiana, McGinnis averaged 29.9 points a game.



BOB LEONARD

COACH

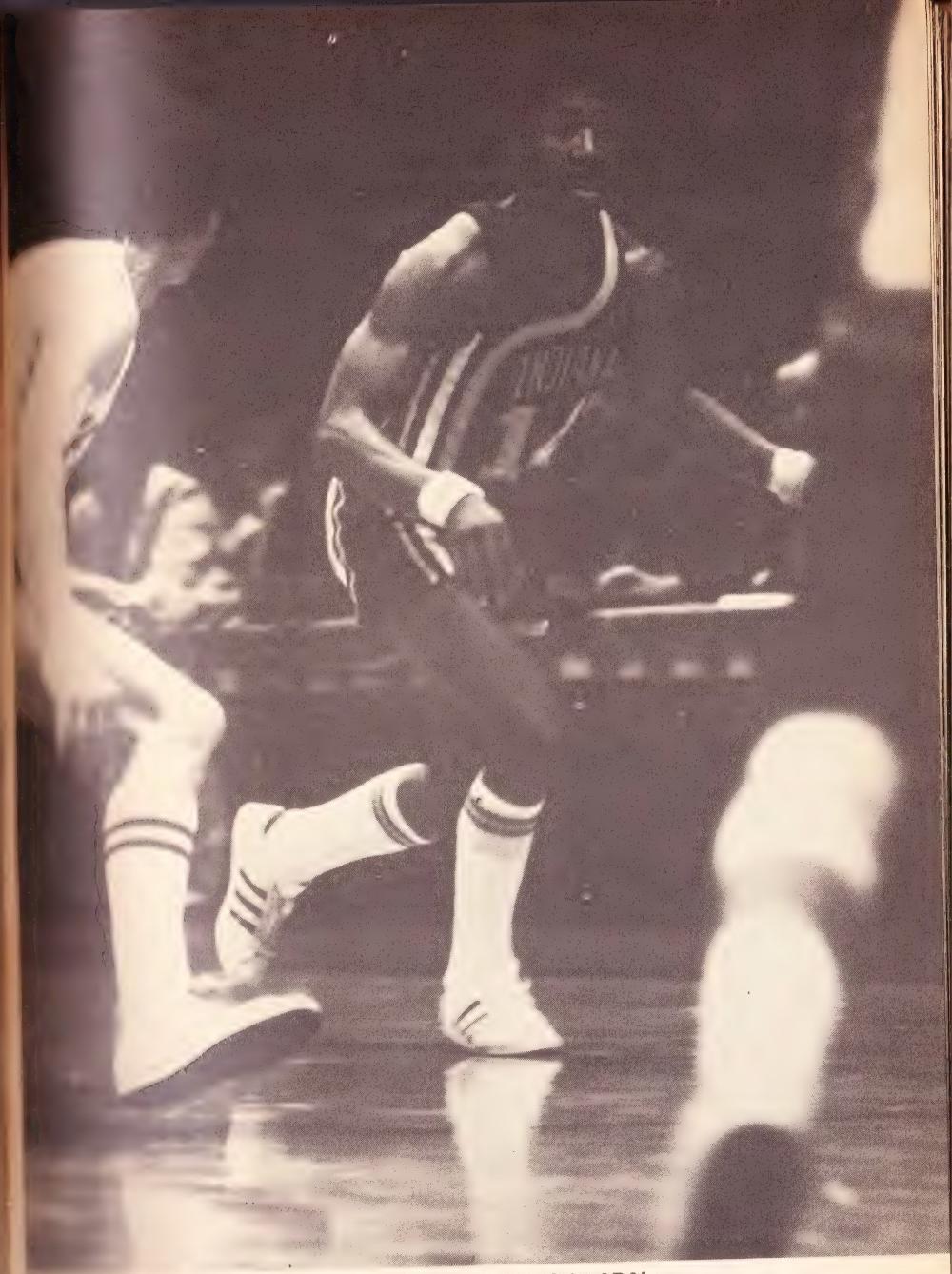
Since taking over the Pacers in 1968, Bob Leonard has guided the team to two Eastern Division championships and the 1971 American Basketball Association title. Prior to joining the Pacers, Leonard had also coached Chicago and Baltimore in the NBA. As a pro player, the former University of Indiana All-American played with Minnesota, Los Angeles and Chicago. He is known as "Slick."

INDIANA 1971-72 STATISTICS

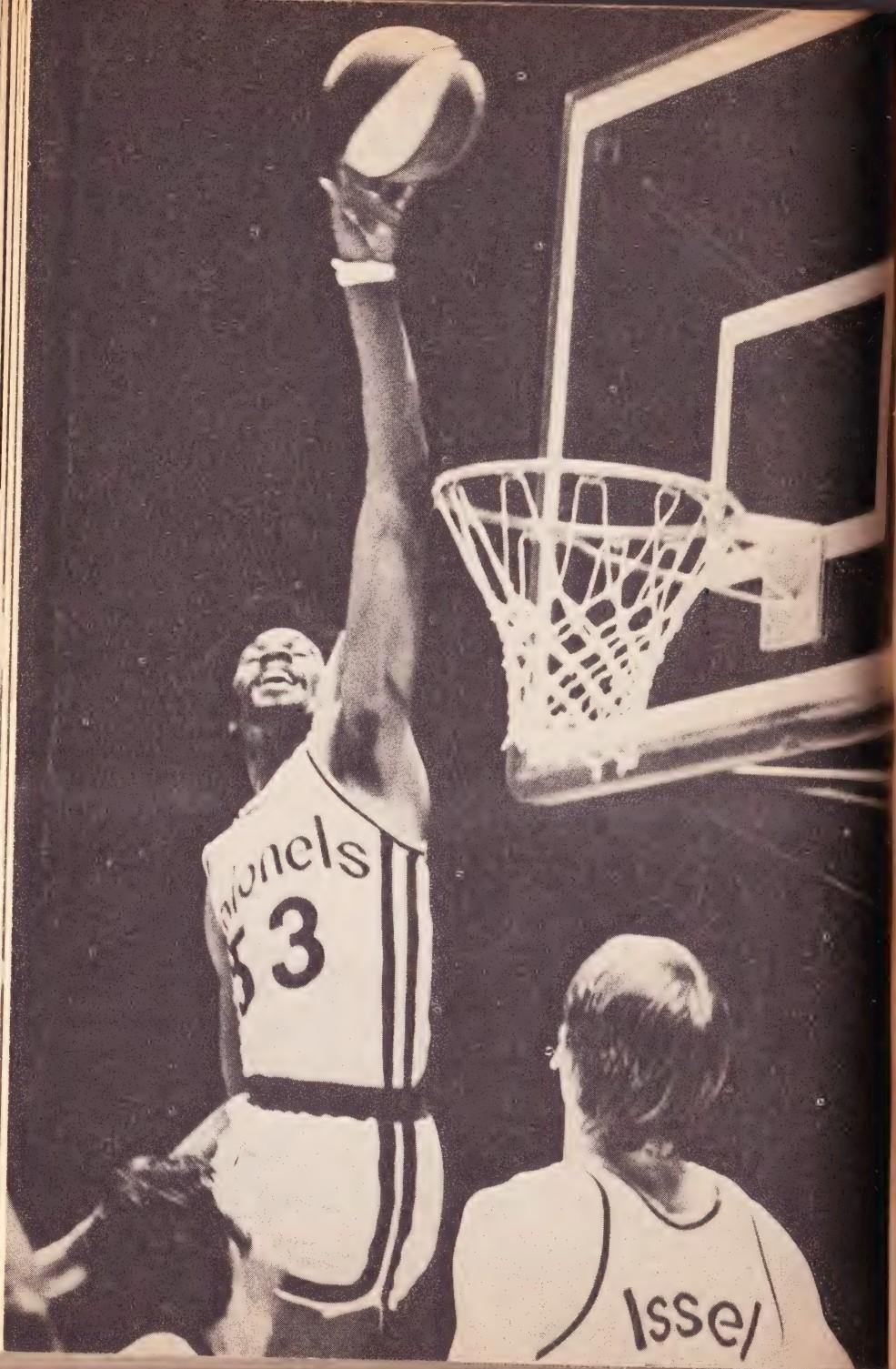
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M. DANIELS	79	598	1178	.508	0	.6	0.000	317	1297	16.42	1513	19.15
B. BROWN	78	475	927	.512	57	.185	.308	323	502	6.44	1444	18.51
G. MCGINNIS	73	459	961	.478	6	.38	.158	298	711	9.74	1234	16.90
F. LEWIS	77	374	847	.442	31	.100	.310	341	327	4.25	1182	15.35
B. NETOLISKY	83	518	1071	.484	4	.19	.211	202	764	9.20	1250	15.06
R. MOUNT	78	363	769	.472	57	.180	.317	216	155	1.99	1113	14.27
B. KELLER	76	208	450	.462	56	.169	.331	153	164	2.16	737	9.70
D. HILLMAN	73	199	405	.491	1	.5	.200	114	478	6.55	515	7.05
**L. CANNON	28	66	169	.391	1	.6	.167	51	33	1.18	186	6.64
*L. CANNON	54	225	596	.378	3	.14	.214	164	107	1.98	623	11.54
J. BARNHILL	19	24	52	.462	4	.35	.114	8	19	1.00	68	3.58
D. SIDLE	27	72	142	.507	0	1	0.000	31	95	3.52	175	6.48
W. CHAPMAN	7	6	16	.375	1	.2	.500	3	5	.71	18	2.57
M. WINKLER	20	3	50	.260	2	.4	.500	8	16	.80	40	2.00
A. KELLY	4	3	9	.333	0	0	0.000	0	7	1.75	6	1.50
M. PRICE	4	3	9	.333	0	0	0.000	0	5	1.25	6	1.50
E. HIGGINS	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.00	0	0.00

**Total with club

*Total for season



Fred Lewis (14), a satin-smooth guard, is one of the ABA's top backcourt men.



KENTUCKY COLONELS

An original American Basketball franchise, Kentucky spent the first couple of years of its existence exploiting the "home-grown" products. It made sense since the state is one of the real hotbeds of basketball. The franchise was a natural and Louisville was selected as the home base. Armed with a host of local products, the Colonels made the playoffs each of the first four seasons. Then, in 1971, the turning point came. The year before, Dan Issel, a University of Kentucky graduate, signed for a bundle of money. However, the real coup came last season when 7-2 Artis Gilmore was signed to a multi-million dollar contract. The Colonels had the big pivot man the ABA as a league had been lacking. With Gilmore as a hub, Kentucky rolled rough-shod over everyone during the regular season, establishing a record for most victories. Then came the playoffs and the bubble burst in the first round as the New York Nets dumped the Colonels in six games. General Manager Mike Storen, a genius in his field, and coach Joe Mullaney hope the pieces have been put back together for the 1972-73 campaign. The talent is there to win the Eastern Division title again and challenge for the championship.

A dominant figure in the ABA, 7-2 Artis Gilmore (53) is usually way above the basket for Kentucky.

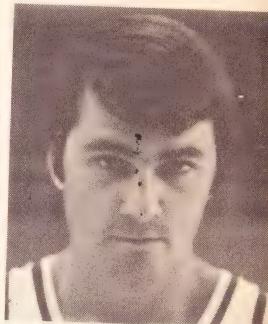
Key Players



DAREL CARRIER

G, 6-3, 185, 6th Yr., Western Kentucky

The loss of Carrier for most of the season due to injuries was a mighty blow to the Colonels. Carrier has been a stalwart for Kentucky ever since the franchise was formed in 1967. In his first three seasons, he averaged 23 points a game. Last year, in 23 games, the norm dipped to 14.2. Carrier's value to Kentucky is more than just scoring points. He is a floor leader and an outstanding defensive guard. The Western Kentucky grad is one of the premier three-point shooters in the ABA.



LOUIE DAMPIER

G, 6-0, 180, 6th Yr., Kentucky

A product of the University of Kentucky, Dampier has teamed with Carrier from the beginning of the franchise as the backcourt starting duo. Like Carrier, in each of his first three seasons, Dampier averaged more than 20 points a game. With the addition of Issel and Gilmore, the point production has fallen to 15.9 (last year). He still holds the ABA mark of 57 consecutive free throws. Dampier is among the all-time leaders in minutes played, points scored and assists.



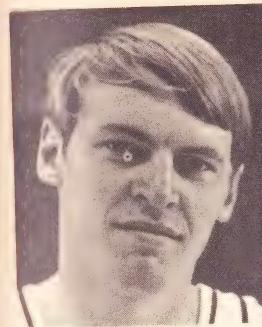
ARTIS GILMORE

C, 7-2, 240, 2nd Yr., Jacksonville

In his rookie season in the American Basketball Association, Gilmore won both the Rookie-of-the-Year and the Most Valuable Player awards. The 7-2 center, who is the most dominant force in the league, averaged 23.9 points and 17.8 rebounds, the latter tops in the ABA. Gilmore was also first in field goal shooting with a percentage of .598 and his shot blocking was superb. He signed with Kentucky after a sensational career at Jacksonville. Gilmore put the once unknown school on the basketball map, leading the Dolphins to the NCAA finals as a junior.

TOP ROOKIE CLAUDE VIRDEN

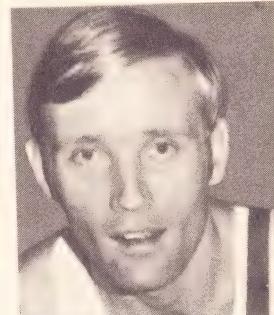
Technically, Virden is a rookie, though the 6-6 forward has spent the last two seasons in the military service. He was originally taken by Kentucky in the first five rounds of the 1970 draft after a great career at Murray State. Virden's presence allowed the Colonels to trade Cincy Powell to Utah.



DAN ISSEL

F, 6-9, 240, 3rd Yr., Kentucky

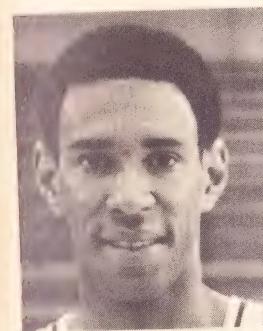
The ABA scoring champ as a rookie two seasons ago (29.9), Issel improved on that norm (30.6) but finished third in the battle last year. A two-time All-American at Kentucky, he was the first of the "super" names inked by the Colonels. Issel was selected as co-rookie of the year in the season in which he also grabbed more than 1,000 rebounds. Last year, the big man, who made a successful switch from center to forward, grabbed 11.2 rebounds per contest. He is a harness racing owner and devotes the off-season to his other profession.



RICK MOUNT

G, 6-4, 185, 3rd Yr., Purdue

The name Rick Mount has been synonymous with the tradition of Indiana basketball. He was "Mr. Basketball" in high school, was an All-American at Purdue and naturally signed with the Indiana Pacers. The love affair ended there. As a rookie Mount averaged 6.6 points a game. He upped the mark to 14.3 last season, but somehow never seemed to fit into the Pacers style of play. Now Mount needn't worry for the Colonels purchased him during the off-season.



WALT SIMON

G-F, 6-6, 220, 6th Yr., Benedict (S.C.)

An explosive type player, Simon proved to be extremely valuable to the Colonels last season, coming off the bench to ignite numerous rallies. Originally a member of the New York Nets, Simon came to Kentucky just prior to the 1970-71 season and averaged 7.8 points a game. Last season he hit for an 8.9 norm. His enthusiasm for the game and the spirit he generates are other strong points of Simon.



JOE MULLANEY

COACH

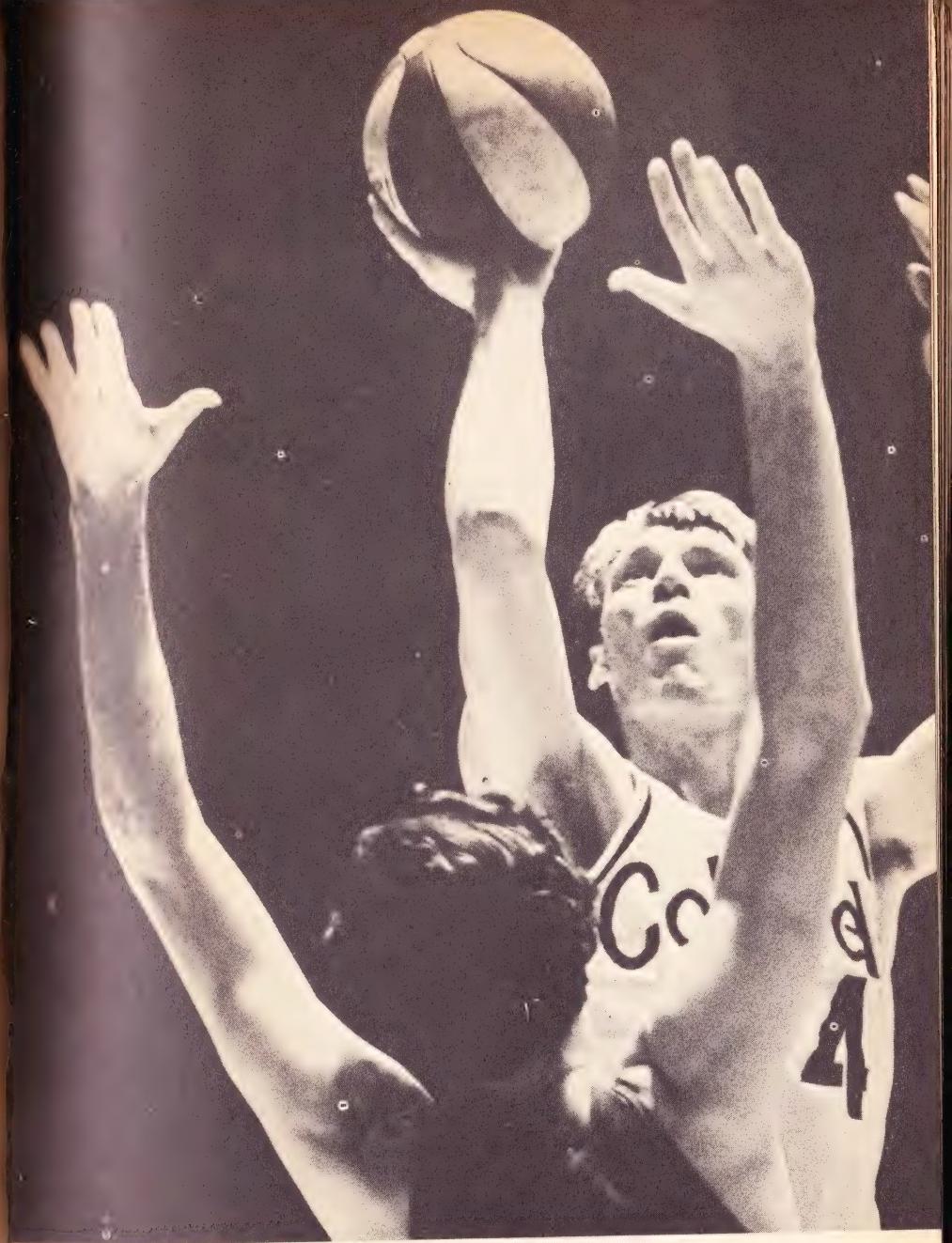
Joe Mullaney probably deserved the Coach-of-the-Year award for his outstanding job as the first-year mentor of the Colonels. He took the team to the Eastern Division championship, but all everyone remembers is how Kentucky lost in the first round of the playoffs. Mullaney had previously coached the Los Angeles Lakers and before that Providence. As a collegian, Joe was a standout at Providence.

KENTUCKY 1971-72 STATISTICS

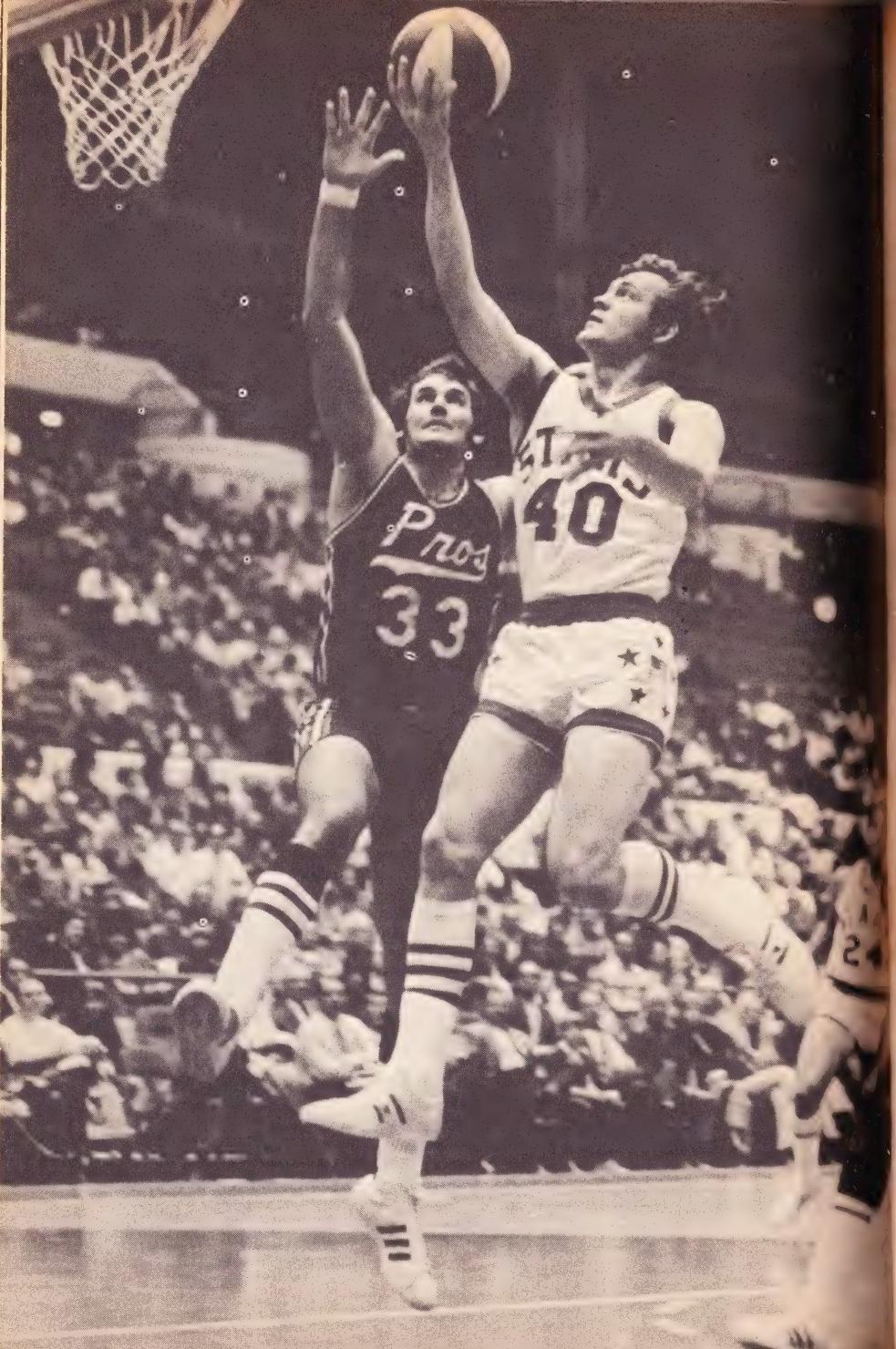
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C. POWELL	65	426	894	.477	4	.13	.308	185	7.75
L. DAMPIER	83	393	845	.465	84	.233	.361	281	500
D. CARRIER	23	101	251	.402	16	.37	.432	76	3.12
W. SIMON	67	242	454	.533	1	.10	.100	109	14.17
L. HUNTER	70	178	367	.485	5	.16	.313	101	233
M. GALE	78	201	444	.453	0	3	0.000	95	3.48
M. PRATT	65	117	261	.448	16	.40	.400	84	2.48
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P. RUSSELL	51	65	150	.433	0	3	0.000	16	2.00
J. LIGON	16	36	70	.514	1	2	.500	20	110
H. WRIGHT	1	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0	0.00

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Blond Dan Issel, former ABA scoring champ, is a big man with a deft shooting touch.

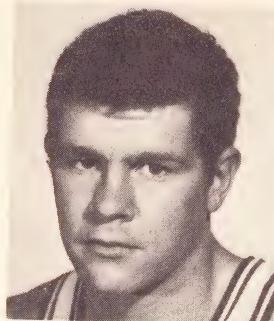


MEMPHIS TAMS

■ Earlier this year it looked like the Memphis franchise would fold. Then, like a bolt out of the blue, Charles O. Finley bought the team, changed its name to the Tams and hired Bob Bass as coach. The Memphis franchise had been troubled by money problems ever since it was moved from New Orleans in 1970. In fact, shares in the club were sold in the summer of 1971 in an effort to keep the franchise alive. All the problems are solved and Finley will concentrate on building a winner. Memphis has the making of a super backcourt with John Neumann and George Thompson, the latter acquired from the roster of the Pittsburgh Condors. George Lehmann will provide additional strength. Up front the Tams lack muscle. Wilbert Jones and Gerald Govan are 6-10 and 6-8 but weigh only 220 and 205, respectively. Randy Denton, at 6-11, 245, is being counted on to handle the middle, while Wendell Ladner was re-acquired from Carolina. The original New Orleans franchise won the Western Division title in 1968 and reached the championship finals. The following year, the club reached the division playoffs and since that time it has all been downhill.

Lloyd King (33) of Memphis goes high to deflect shot by Glen Combs of Utah in this 1971-72 action.

Key Players



RANDY DENTON

C, 6-11, 245, 2nd Yr., Duke

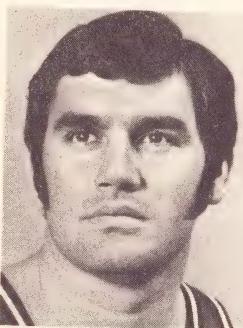
Denton was drafted by Memphis in 1971, was traded to Carolina and then part way through the season came back. He performed well for the Tams, averaging 15.8 points and 11.4 rebounds. As a collegian, he was the tallest player in Duke history. Denton was an outstanding player for the Blue Devils, averaging 19.8 points and 12.7 rebounds. His overall rookie average was a respectable 12.3.



WILBERT JONES

F, 6-8, 205, 4th Yr., Albany State (Ga.)

The only Memphis player to perform in all regular season games, Jones had his best year as a pro, averaging 14.9 points and 10.4 rebounds. He was originally drafted within the first five rounds by the Floridians in 1969. As a rookie he averaged 8.2 points but only shot .398 from the floor. Jones' overall improvement as a pro is reflected by the fact that last season, he hit .475 of his field goal attempts. Jones played his college ball at Albany State (Ga.) where he was an NAIA All-American.



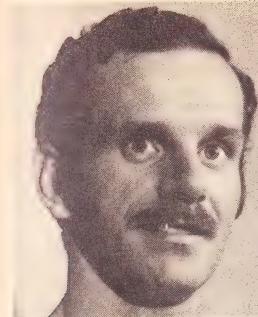
WENDELL LADNER

F, 6-5, 220, 3rd Yr., Southern Mississippi

One of the first things new coach Bob Bass did was re-acquire Ladner from Carolina, where he had been traded midway through last season. Ladner was the No. 2 draft pick of Memphis in 1970 and was signed before the NBA selections. As a rookie he averaged 16.9 points and nearly 12 rebounds a game. For his performance, Ladner was named to the All-Rookie team. He averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds a game for Carolina. Ladner played in the All-Star game as a rookie. He is a very popular player in Memphis.

TOP ROOKIE BOB FORD

Bob Ford, a rugged 6-7 forward, joins Memphis after an exceptional career at Purdue. He was an All-Big 10 selection and was a member of the United States team which participated in the 1971 Pan American Games.



GEORGE LEHMANN

G, 6-3, 180, 6th Yr., Campbell (N.C.)

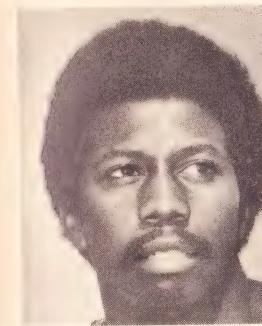
Acquired from Carolina midway through last season, Lehmann wound up as the Tams' second leading scorer with an average of nearly 16 points a game. After playing college ball at Campbell (N.C.), Lehmann played two seasons in the NBA before joining the Los Angeles Stars in 1968. Since then, he has also played with New York and Miami. Lehmann is one of the best three-point percentage shooters in the league with a career norm of .370. He was second in the league in assists with a 7.6 average.



JOHN NEUMANN

G-F, 6-6, 200, 2nd Yr., Mississippi

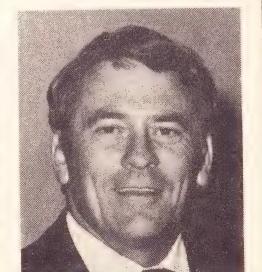
As a rookie, who had signed a contract after playing just one year of college ball at Mississippi (averaging 40.1 points a game), Neumann had an outstanding season. The flamboyant Neumann led Memphis with an average of 18.3 points but shot only 43 percent from the floor. He is a native of Memphis and was a high school All-American. Neumann is only 21 years old and has a fantastic future ahead of him, providing he learns how to control his temper. He has already gained a reputation as a flake.



GEORGE THOMPSON

G, 6-2, 200, 4th Yr., Marquette

Acquired from the roster of the now-defunct Pittsburgh Condors, Thompson should provide Memphis with plenty of scoring punch from his guard position. Last year was his best as a pro, averaging nearly 27 points a game. He was among the leaders on the team in assists and shot .498 from the floor. Thompson was an All-American cornerman at Marquette and spent his first two seasons in the pros as a forward. Thompson finished seventh in the league in scoring.



BOB BASS
COACH

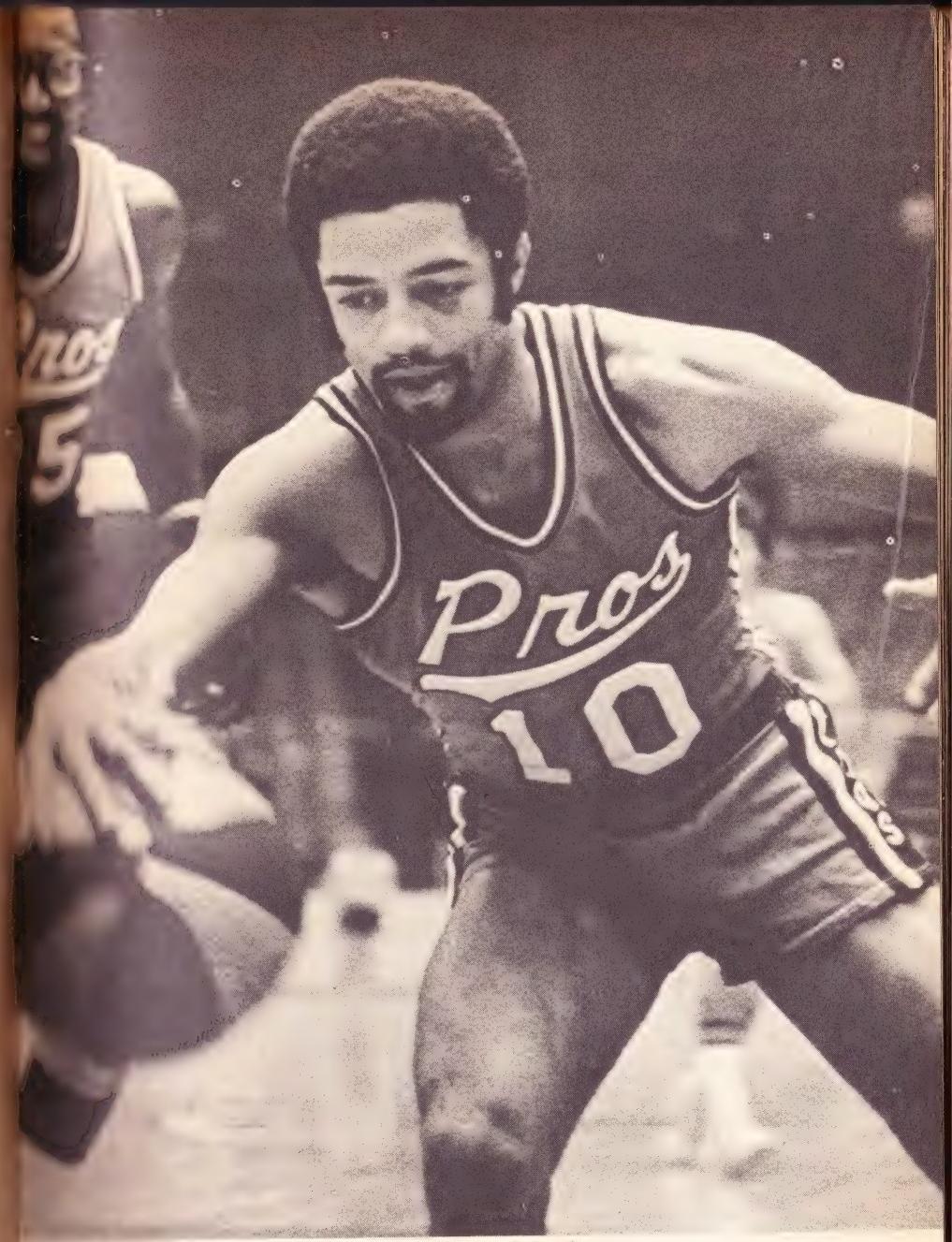
Bob Bass will be coaching his third ABA team this season. After a 15-year career at Oklahoma Baptist, Bass took over the reigns of the Denver Rockets in 1967 for two seasons. He went back to the college ranks at Texas Tech for two campaigns before taking over the Floridians last year. When Finley took over the Tams, one of his first moves was to sign Bass.

MEMPHIS 1971-72 STATISTICS

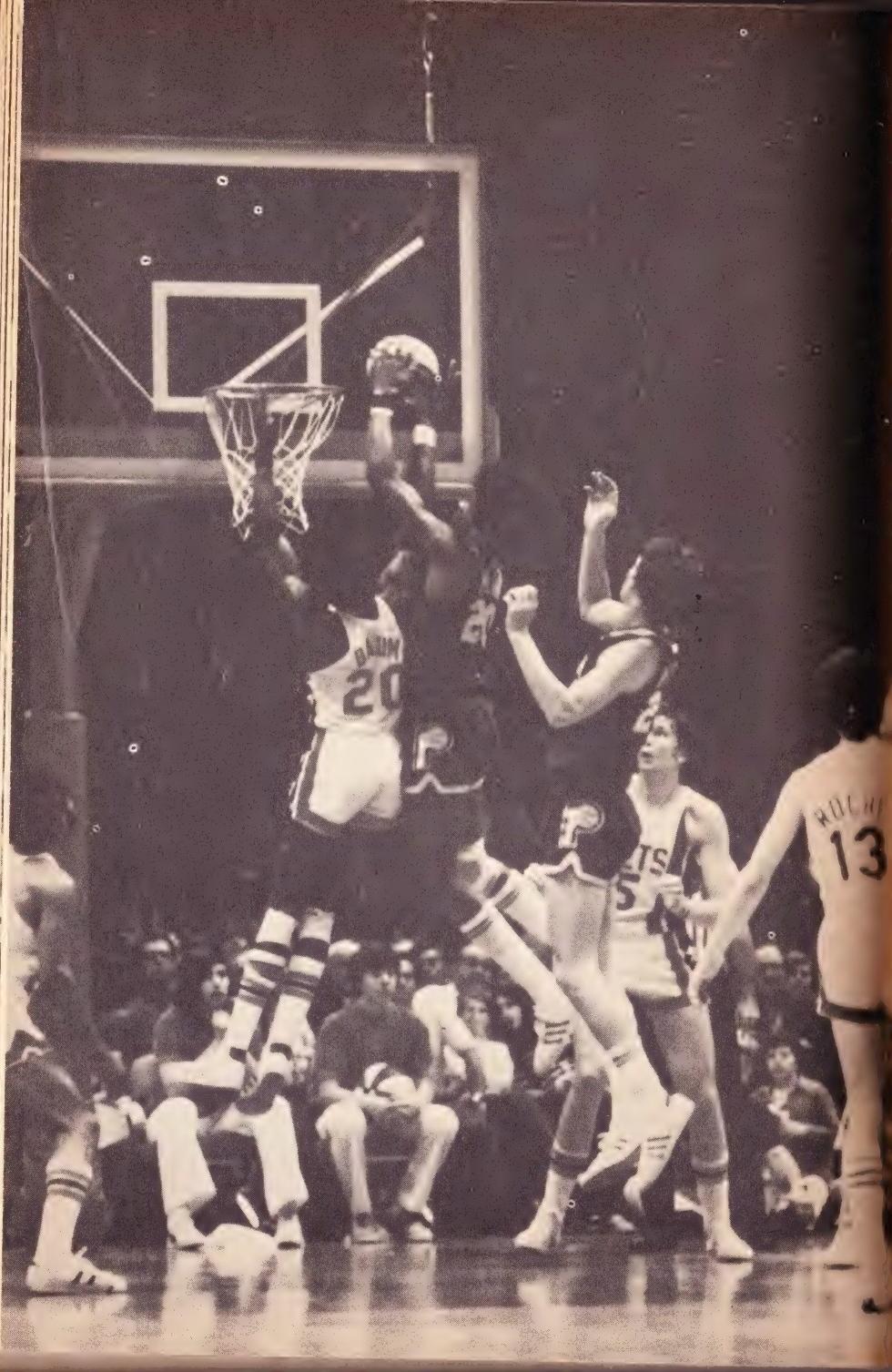
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**G. LEHMANN	15	62	.150	.413	.22	74	.297	47	27	1.80	15.80
*G. LEHMANN	53	232	.464	.500	.71	199	.357	169	98	1.85	84.6
CH. WILLIAMS	82	439	.1084	.405	.41	174	.236	294	228	2.78	15.96
**R. DENTON	42	283	.595	.476	0	1	0.000	96	480	11.43	15.79
*R. DENTON	81	430	.933	.461	0	2	0.000	135	740	9.14	66.2
W. JONES	84	504	.1062	.475	2	16	.125	240	676	10.43	99.5
G. GOVAN	83	277	.719	.385	0	0	0.000	162	1182	14.24	1254
**E. WEBSTER	16	46	.99	.465	1	4	.250	21	43	2.69	7.16
*E. WEBSTER	19	49	.105	.467	1	4	.250	21	44	2.32	8.63
**W. DAVIS	45	114	.236	.483	0	1	0.000	96	323	7.18	12.28
*W. DAVIS	86	337	.699	.482	0	2	0.000	207	693	8.06	14.93
**D. SIDDE	42	102	.232	.440	1	9	.111	93	139	3.31	30.0
*D. SIDDE	69	174	.374	.465	1	10	.100	124	234	3.39	7.14
L. KING	74	164	.407	.403	21	87	.241	96	113	1.53	48.7
L. DAVIS	58	100	.223	.448	1	8	.125	25	178	3.07	32.4
J. DOVER	4	1	.4	.250	2	5	.400	0	0	0.00	10.24
R. WARREN	38	232	.502	.462	8	38	.211	174	205	5.39	2.00
L. CANNON	26	159	.427	.372	2	8	.250	113	74	2.85	6.88
W. LADNER	39	245	.607	.404	27	97	.278	71	409	10.49	16.46
T. OWENS	38	95	.207	.473	0	2	0.000	54	199	5.24	25.0
C. DIETRICK	1	1	2	.500	0	0	0.000	0	7	7.00	6.58
C. RAYMOND	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.00	0.00
C. FULLER	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.00	0.00

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Memphis team got excellent backcourt performance from Charlie Williams (10) last season.

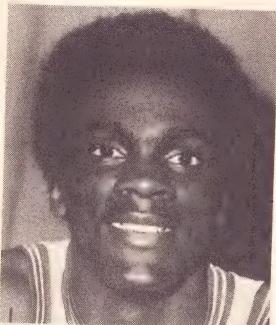


NEW YORK NETS

The history of the New York Nets is a true rags-to-riches saga. Originally founded in 1967 as the New Jersey Americans, playing in a "rundown" arena in Teaneck, N.J., the team moved on to several spots on Long Island before finally finding a spectacular home in the 16,000-seat Nassau Coliseum. Owner Roy Boe, who took over the team from Arthur Brown, showed he was willing to go out and spend money to build a team. His biggest step was the hiring of Lou Carnesecca as General Manager and coach. Then, when Rick Barry showed his displeasure at having to play in Virginia, Boe worked out a deal to get the super-star to come to New York. Unfortunately for Boe, Barry is now being forced to return to San Francisco to honor a contract he signed several seasons back. Not to be outdone, however, the Nets went out and signed All-American Jim Chones to a multi-year contract. Chones still had more than a year of eligibility left when he was inked. To replace Barry, somewhat, New York acquired George Carter from Carolina. The loss of Barry will be devastating to the Nets, but the new rookies—Chones, Brian Taylor and Bob Lackey—offer a bright future. This will be one of the very best franchises in basketball.

John Baum (20), a star of last year's playoffs, looms large in Nets' plans for 1972-73.

Key Players



JOHN BAUM

F, 6-6, 205, 4th Yr., Temple

Baum was a valuable pickup for the Nets last season as his play off the bench during the latter half of the season sparked them in their playoff struggle. Originally drafted by the Chicago Bulls after an outstanding career at Temple where he led the Owls to the National Invitation Basketball Tournament championship, Baum was picked up as a free agent. He averaged 5.6 points and 3.1 rebounds a game while shooting an unbelievable .606 from the field. He was especially effective on defense.



GEORGE CARTER

F, 6-5, 215, 5th Yr., St. Bonaventure

A steady performer throughout his pro career, Carter was acquired from the Carolina Cougars during the off-season. He is being counted on to pick up some of the scoring slack left by the departure of Rick Barry. Carter finished last season with an average of 19.5, the best he has achieved in the pros. Originally, Carter started in the ABA with the Detroit Pistons. He was a standout collegian at St. Bonaventure. In each of the last four seasons, George has scored more than 1,000 points.



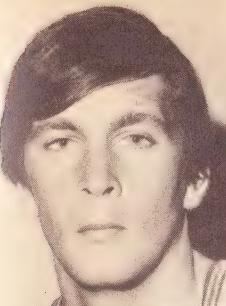
BILL MELCHIONNI

G, 6-2, 170, 7th Yr., Villanova

Melchionni is the floor leader of the Nets and has been the American Basketball Association's assist leader the past two seasons. A standout collegian at Villanova, he started his pro career in the NBA with the Philadelphia 76ers. Mel came to the Nets in 1969 after refusing to report to Phoenix, which had selected him in the expansion draft. He is coming off his best season, averaging 21 points a game while shooting better than 50 percent from the floor.

TOP ROOKIE JIM CHONES

Jim Chones is, in fact, probably the best rookie in the ABA and figures to be a shoo-in for the post-season honors. The 6-11 center, who was a two-time All-American at Marquette before signing a pro contract before the conclusion of his junior year, showed his talent by winning the MVP award in the Martin Luther King Game in New York in August.



BILL PAULTZ

C, 6-11, 240, 3rd Yr., St. John's

Paultz may well have been the most improved center in the league last season. The big man averaged 14.5 points and 12.5 rebounds, but his defensive game improved tremendously. He has matured greatly and ridged himself of the "baby fat." Now, after two seasons at center, Paultz will have to make the adjustment of moving to forward to make room for Jim Chones. He is an exceptional outside shooter and has a career percentage of nearly 50 percent. Paultz played at St. John's for coach Lou Carnesecca and was originally drafted by Virginia.



JOHN ROCHE

G, 6-3, 170, 2nd Yr., South Carolina

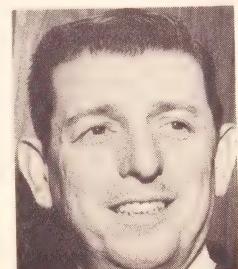
After a slow start, Roche came on strong in his rookie season and finished the regular season with an average of 12.9 points a game. Then, in the playoffs, with Bill Melchionni injured, Roche picked up the scoring slack and hit for a 23.6 norm. Roche is a native New Yorker and was an All-American at South Carolina. He was also the No. 1 draft pick of the Phoenix Suns of the NBA. John is a tough schoolyard player with a good shooting touch from the outside.



TOM WASHINGTON

F, 6-8, 215, 6th Yr., Cheyney State (Pa.)

One of the most under-rated forwards in the league, Washington has proven to be a steady performer for the Nets, who acquired him from Utah for cash prior to the start of last season. Washington averaged 11.0 points and 9.4 rebounds a game and was at his best on defense. Known as "Trooper," he started in the league with Pittsburgh and also played with Los Angeles and Miami. Washington was second in the ABA in field goal shooting with a percentage of .571, hitting 387 of 678.



**LOU CARNESECCA
COACH**

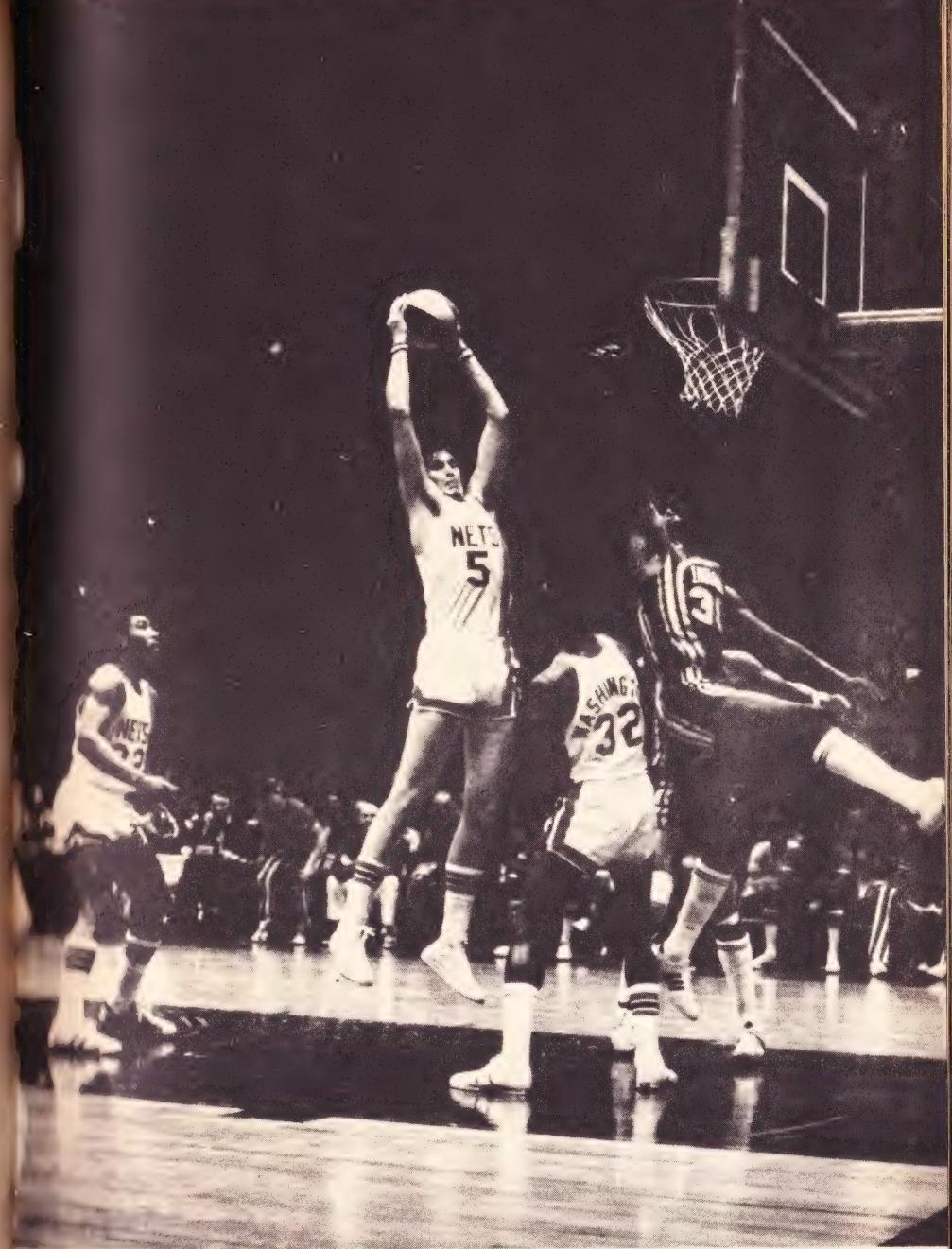
Carnesecca serves in the dual role as general manager and coach of the Nets. Since taking over the club, he has turned it into a playoff contender and last season took the team to the championship round. A New York native, Louie coached at St. John's before taking the Nets job. In each of his campaigns at St. John's the Redmen were invited to a post season tournament.

NEW YORK 1971-72 STATISTICS

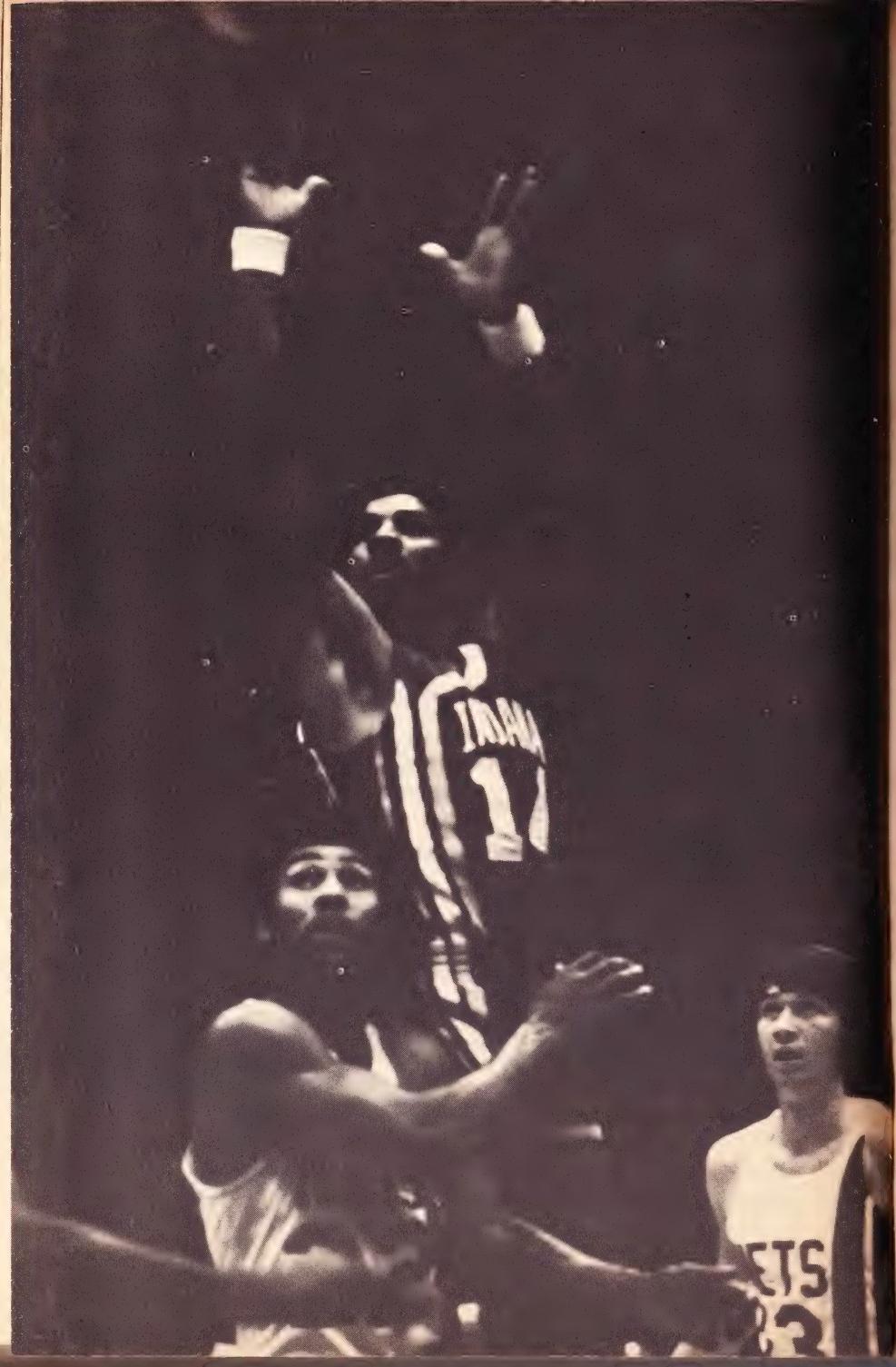
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B. BARRY	80	829	.472	73	.237	.308	641	7.52
B. MELCHIONNI	80	670	.1327	.505	.2	.19	.105	336
B. PAULTZ	83	498	.1018	.489	.0	.19	0.000	248
J. ROCHE	82	391	.824	.475	.12	.3	.343	207
T. WASHINGTON	80	387	.678	.571	.0	.35	0.000	240
O. TAYLOR	82	245	.536	.457	.0	.6	0.000	172
**G. MOORE	68	211	.442	.477	.1	.3	.333	107
*G. MOORE	77	252	.542	.465	.1	.3	.333	750
J. BAUM	44	103	.170	.606	.0	0	0.000	9.38
J. ARD	71	157	.345	.455	.2	.8	.250	330
J. DEPRE	46	77	.195	.395	.2	.6	.333	409
G. ZELLER	12	7	.29	.241	.0	1	0.000	483
M. LEAKS	9	24	.71	.338	.0	0	0.000	6.27
S. DOVE	2	2	.5	.400	.0	0	0.000	135
E. WEBSTER	3	3	.6	.500	.0	0	0.000	75
B. GREACEN	4	1	.2	.500	.0	0	0.000	1
J. DURHAM	1	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000	0

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Big Bill Paultz (5) moves to forward this year to make room for rookie star Jim Chones at center.



SAN DIEGO CONQUISTADORS

■ San Diego, which was a failure as an NBA city, got a second lease on life this past summer when it was awarded an ABA franchise. The league chose the West Coast city over Minneapolis as it rounded out the league to an even 10 teams. The franchise was acquired by Dr. Paul Bloom, a San Diego dentist who heads a group of investors. The new club hired Alex Groza, former Kentucky great as the general manager and K.C. Jones, a Boston Celtics star as the coach. Last season, K.C. served as an assistant to Bill Sharman at Los Angeles where the Lakers won the NBA championship. The Conquistadors (a name picked in a contest which later proved to be very controversial) were given the opportunity to select two players from each of the existing franchises after each of the clubs had frozen six players on their roster. The resulting draft gave San Diego the worst team in professional history. It is a team which is destined to finish deep in the cellar of the Western Division of the ABA.

Ollie Taylor (22), in foreground, is a quick backcourt operative who will help San Diego in many ways.

Key Players

**MIKE BARRET**

G, 6-2, 155, 4th Yr., West Virginia Tech
Barrett was taken in the first round of the expansion draft off the roster of the Virginia Squires. Last year he played in only one game, a playoff, missing the entire regular season recovering from a broken wrist and subsequent skin grafts. Barrett was a member of the 1968 U.S. Olympic team and joined Washington in 1969 after finishing his service obligations. Barrett averaged 14.9 points and 13.7 points, respectively in his first two seasons of ABA competition. He is known as "Birdman."

ART BECKER

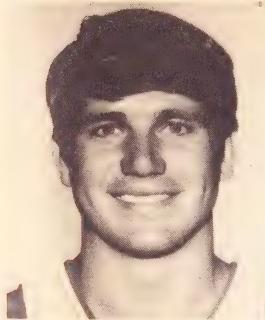
F, 6-8, 210, 6th Yr., Arizona State

A charter member of the ABA, Becker came to San Diego from Denver where he averaged 12.3 points and 5.6 rebounds last year. After playing his first two seasons with Houston, Becker was traded to Indiana in 1969 and helped lead the Pacers to the ABA title. He came to Denver midway through the 1970-71 season. Becker's best season in the league came as a rookie when he averaged 18.8 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game. His .846 free throw percentage is great for a big man.

**STEW JOHNSON**

F, 6-8, 225, 6th Yr., Murray State

It has been said of Johnson that his right arm is always cocked. One of the "real machines" in the ABA, Johnson scored 62 points in a league game two seasons ago. He was originally drafted by Kentucky and has played with New York, Pittsburgh and Carolina. San Diego took Johnson off the Carolina roster where he averaged 12.6 points a game. Johnson has a career pro average of nearly 15 points per contest. Prior to coming into the pros, he was an All-American at Murray State.

**LARRY MILLER**

G-F, 6-5, 210, 5th Yr., North Carolina

Miller, despite his 18.4 scoring average with Carolina last season, was an almost certainty to go in the expansion draft. He had been bargaining for a huge contract increase and thus became expendable, especially with the acquisition of Bill Cunningham. An All-American at North Carolina, Miller played two seasons with Los Angeles before joining Carolina in 1970. Last season, he set an ABA single game scoring record of 68 points.

**RED ROBBINS**

F-C, 6-8, 200, 6th Yr., Tennessee

Robbins figures to be a starter with San Diego. Since joining the ABA in 1967, he has scored in double figures each season and has a career rebounding average of better than 10 a game. Last year, Robbins performed for Utah and hit at a 12.2 norm from the field and grabbed 9.1 rebounds. He ranks as the second leading rebounder in ABA history behind Mel Daniels. Robbins has twice been selected to the second ABA All-League team. He shot .514 from the floor with the Stars.

**OLIE TAYLOR**

G-F, 6-2, 195, 3rd Yr., Houston

A tremendously exciting player, Taylor averaged 8.6 points a game last season with the New York Nets. He was originally drafted out of the University of Houston where he jumped center (at 6-2). Whenever Taylor moves in for a dunk, the fans go wild. He is a native of New York and was a JUCO All-American before attending Houston. Taylor was taken in the first round of the expansion draft by San Diego. He is an outstanding defensive player.

**K.C. JONES**

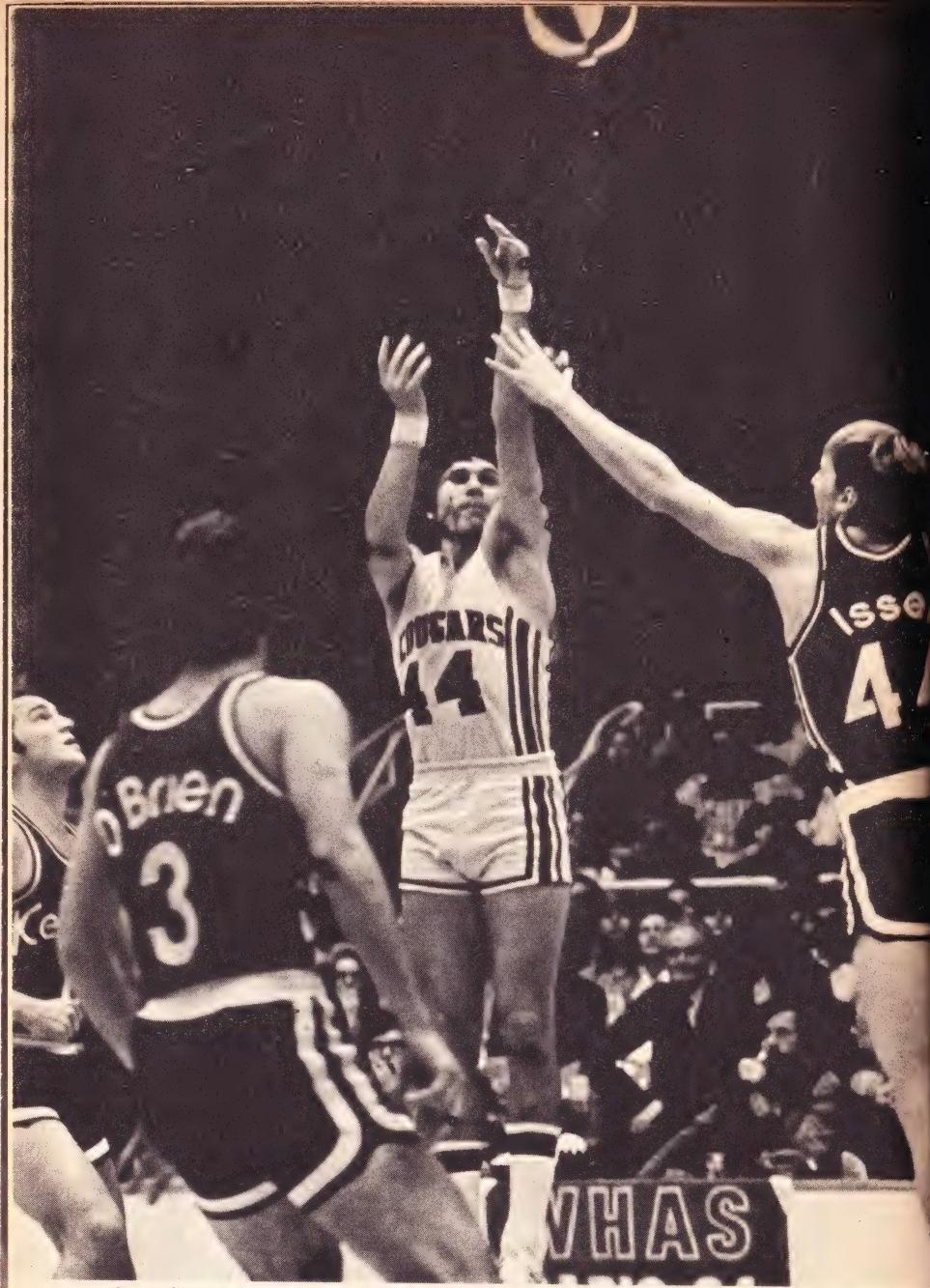
COACH

One of the many great players with the Boston Celtics, K.C. Jones takes over in San Diego after serving one season as assistant coach to the Los Angeles Lakers, the NBA champions. He was an All-American at San Francisco where he teamed with Bill Russell. With the Celtics, Jones was noted for his outstanding defensive play. His patience will be tested to the fullest this year with what may be the worst pro team ever put together.

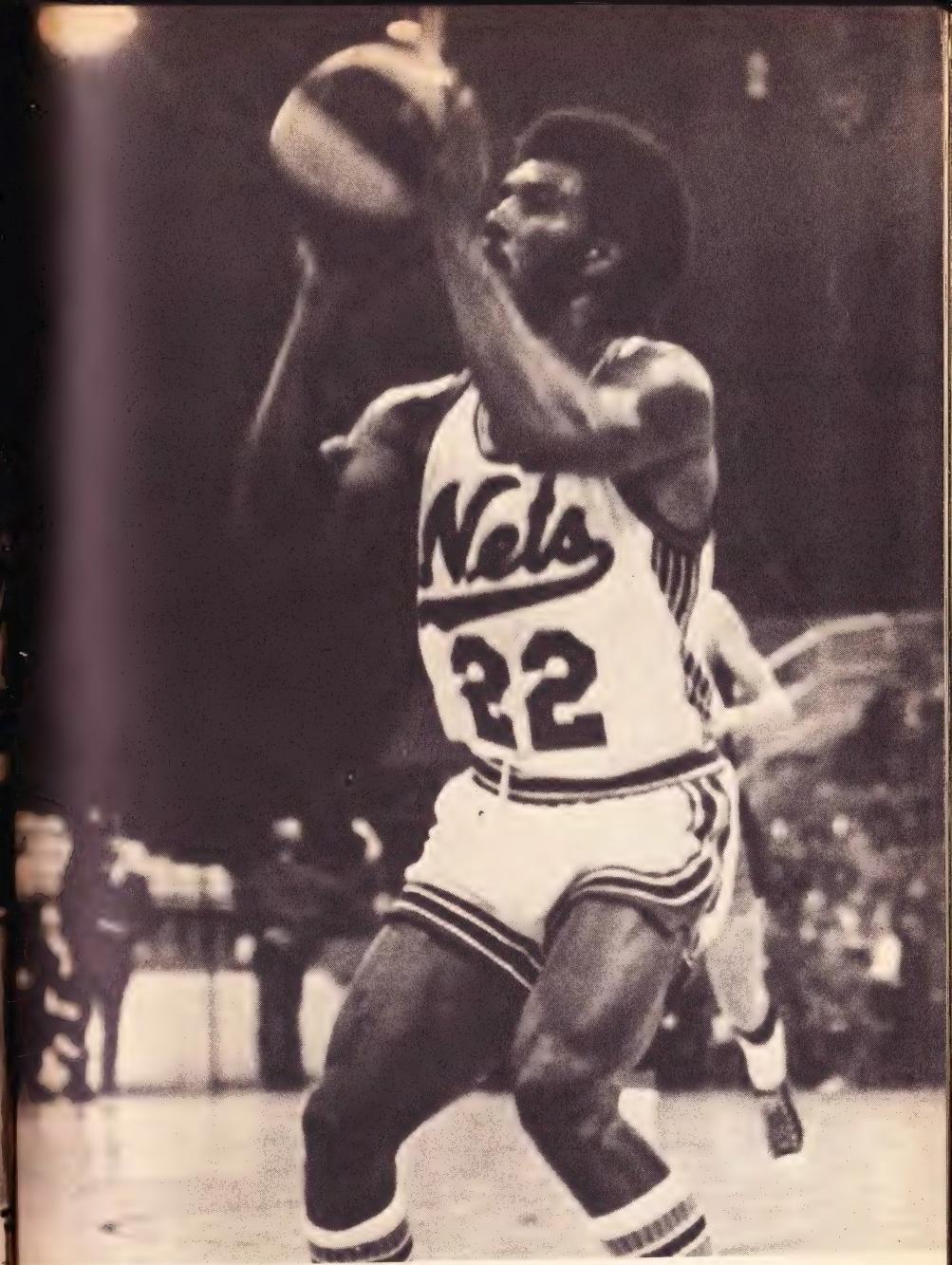
1972 EXPANSION DRAFT SELECTIONS

First Round—Stew Johnson, Carolina; George Johnson, Dallas; Art Becker, Denver; George Peeples, Indiana; Les Hunter, Kentucky; Don Sidle, Memphis; Ollie Taylor, New York; Red Robbins, Utah; Mike Barrett, Virginia.

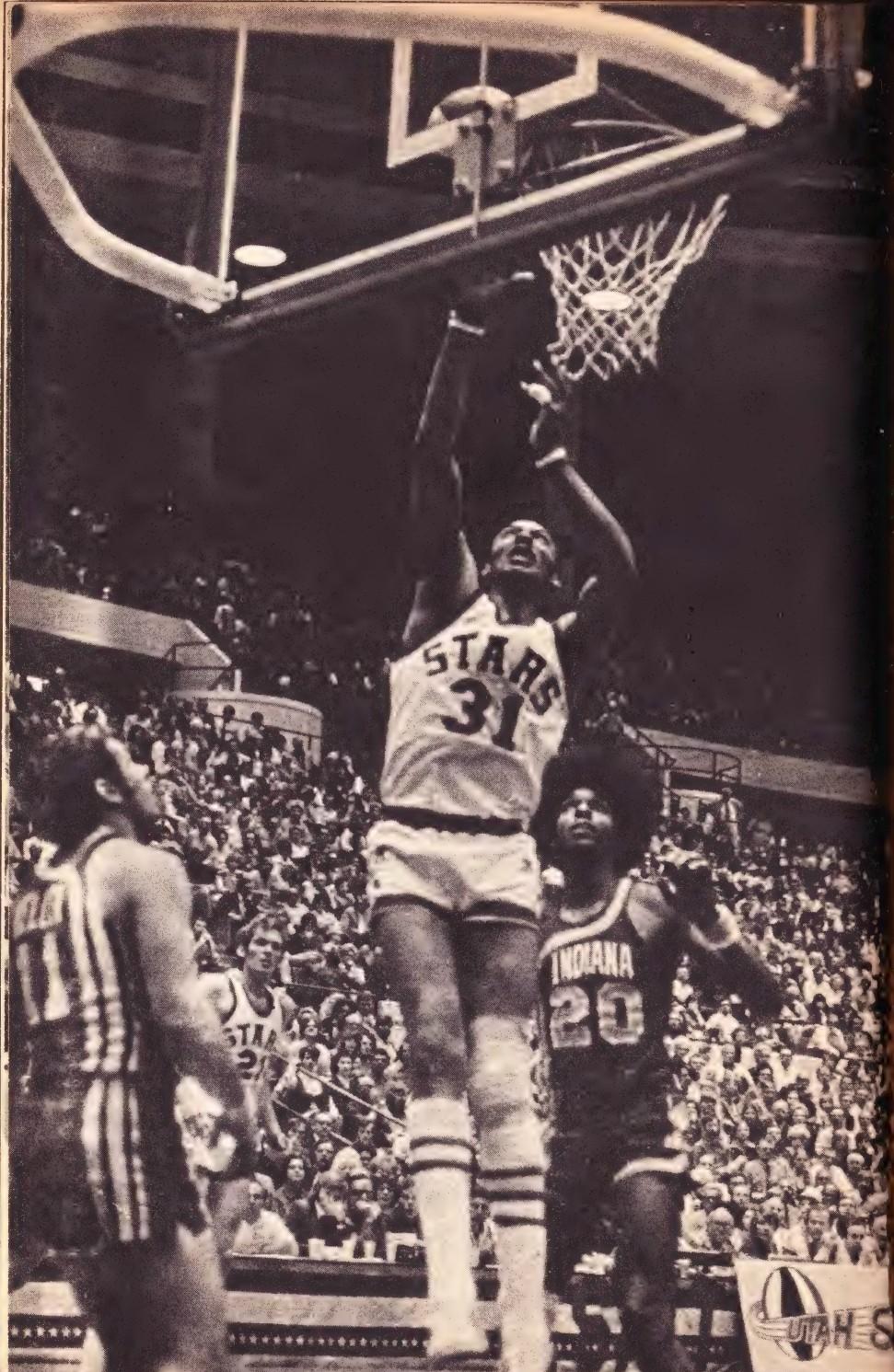
Second Round—Larry Miller, Carolina; Simmie Hill, Dallas; Chuck Williams, Denver; rights to Dwight Jones (Houston), Indiana; Lonnie Wright, Kentucky; Charlie Williams, Memphis; Gene Moore, New York; Mike Butler, Utah; Craig Raymond, Virginia.



In ex-Cougar Larry Miller (44), San Diego has a talented southpaw shooter.



The expansion San Diego club will count heavily on ABA veterans like ex-Net Ollie Taylor (22).

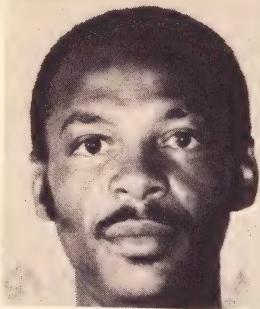


UTAH STARS

■ From Anaheim to Los Angeles to Utah—such has been the flight of the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association. After three years of playing before empty houses, the team finally wound up in Utah for the 1970-71 season. The move turned out to be unbelievably successful. During the regular campaign, the Stars averaged 6,246. Then came the playoffs and, in nine games, Utah averaged 11,211 fans as it swept to the American Basketball Association championship. Much of the success of the club went to coach Bill Sharman, who left after the title winning season and went on to LA to duplicate the championship feat last May. The team is built around Zelmo Beaty, who was induced to jump from the Atlanta Hawks for the 1970 season. What has made the Stars a powerful club has been the succession of outstanding draft picks. The team won the Western Division title last season but lost to the Indiana Pacers in the playoffs. They're loaded again with the same nucleus from 1971-72 plus the addition of guard Larry Jones and forward Cincy Powell. Utah is a good bet to battle for the league title again.

In Zelmo Beaty (31), Utah has one of pro basketball's most versatile players.

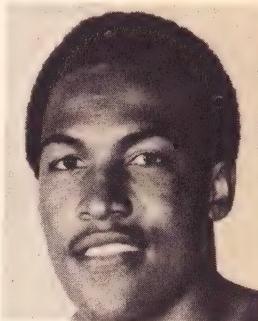
Key Players



ZELMO BEATY

C, 6-9, 235, 10th Yr., Prairie View A&M

Beaty, the veteran of the Utah Stars, is coming off his best season as a pro—one which saw him average 23.6 points and 13.2 rebounds a game. He was an All-American at Prairie View and the MVP in the NAIA championships. Zelmo played seven years with the St. Louis-Atlanta Hawks, where he participated in several All-Star games. He sat out the 1969-70 campaign waiting for the option to run out. Beaty wound up 11th in scoring, sixth in rebounding and fourth in field goal shooting percentage (.542).



RON BOONE

G, 6-2, 200, 5th Yr., Idaho State

One of the most durable players in the league, Boone has yet to miss a regular season game since starting his pro career with Dallas in 1968. He jumped right into the lineup as a rookie, averaging 18.9 points. The following year, Ron averaged 13.9 and in Jan. 1970, he came to the Stars where he was the sixth man. As a part time starter and top reserve, Boone wound up averaging 13 points and 4.7 rebounds. He shot only .436 from the floor. He is a free-lance type of player.



GLEN COMBS

G, 6-2, 185, 5th Yr., Virginia Tech

Another of the Utah pickups through a trade with Dallas, Combs established himself as a bona fide standout last season, averaging 16.5 points a game and leading the ABA with 103 three-point field goals. He was a good collegiate player at Virginia Tech and joined the Chaps in 1968. He has a career scoring average of 19 points a game. Combs is also an outstanding playmaker and was second on the Stars in total assists. He played high school ball in Carr Creek, Ky., which had a population of 77.

TOP ROOKIE — CHIC DOWNING

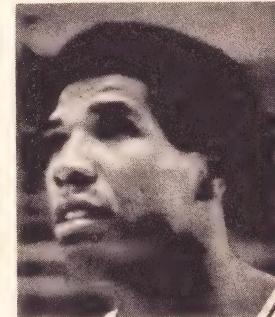
Chic Downing, a 6-7 forward, could be the big surprise of the 1972 draft. He was a two-time NAIA All-American at Benedictine (Kan.) where he averaged better than 20 points and 14 rebounds a game. He is a sound all-around player cut in the mold of the Utah players.



JAMES JONES

G, 6-4, 190, 5th Yr., Grambling

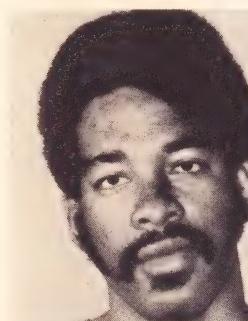
Jones signed with the Stars as a free agent prior to the start of last season. He had played four years with New Orleans-Memphis where he was an All-League performer. The Grambling standout averaged 15.5 points a game for Utah and shot a spectacular .514. Jones' best season in the pros came in 1968-69 when he averaged 26.6 points a game. He has a career scoring average of better than 20 points a game. At 6-4, he is one of the bigger guards in the ABA.



CINCY POWELL

F, 6-7, 220, 6th Yr., Portland

Kentucky raised a lot of eyebrows when it traded Cincy Powell to Utah during the off-season. Powell was the Colonels third leading scorer last season with a 16.1 average, grabbing 7.7 rebounds in the process. He was a good scorer, even as a rookie with Dallas out of the University of Portland. In fact, last year was Powell's lowest scoring since coming into the league. He will add punch to an already awesome front line.



WILLIE WISE

F, 6-6, 215, 4th Yr., Drake

When Wise graduated from Drake he had to go out hunting for a pro job. He wrote all the teams in the ABA and was finally contacted by the Los Angeles Stars who invited him to camp and liked what they saw. That was in 1969. Now, just a few years later, Wise is regarded as one of the premier all-around players in all of basketball. Last year he averaged 23.2 points and 10.6 rebounds a game and is considered a premier defensive player. Wise was the leading Utah scorer in the playoffs, hitting at a 25.3 norm.



LADELL ANDERSEN

COACH

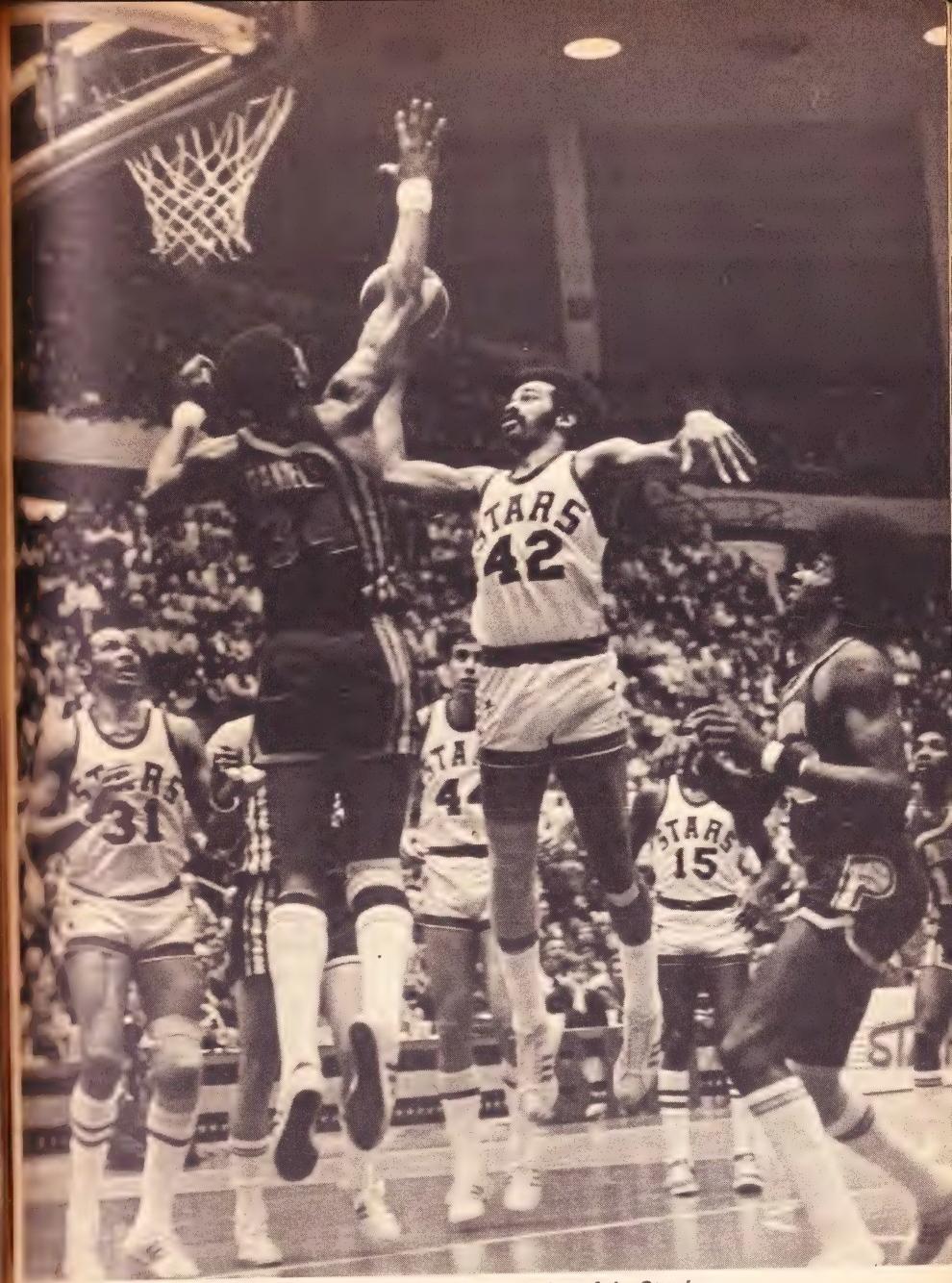
In his first year as coach of the Utah Stars, LaDell Andersen guided the team to the regular season Western Division championship. Prior to joining the Stars, Andersen had coached 10 years at Utah State. Six of his teams won 20 or more games and qualified for NCAA and NIT post season playoff berths. He was an outstanding amateur player in the National Industrial Basketball League.

UTAH 1971-72 STATISTICS

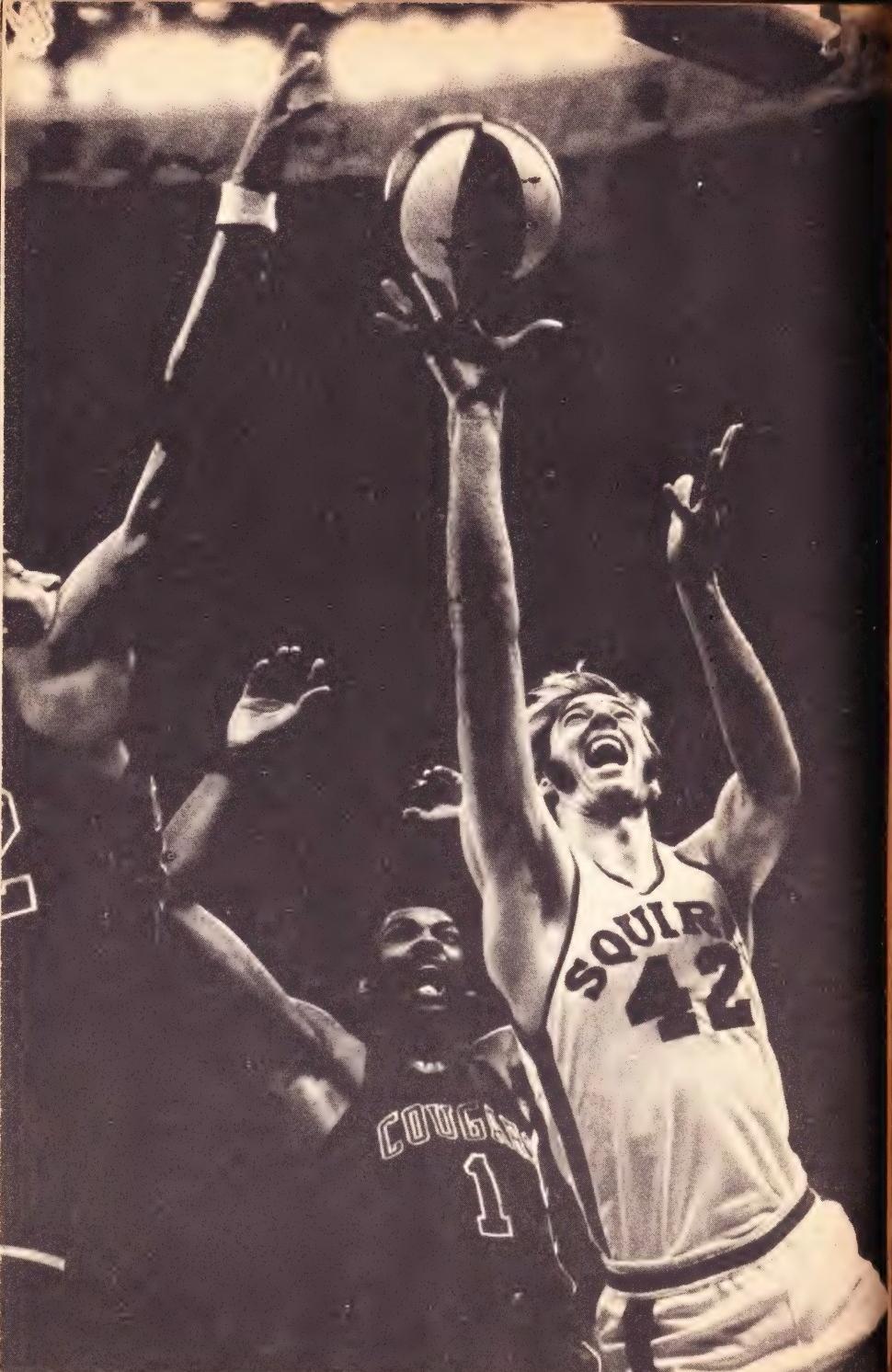
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W. WISE	84	737	.507	6	.333	459	894	10.64	1951	23.23
G. COMBS	84	380	.855	.444	103	254	.406	319	215	2.56
J. JONES	78	461	.897	.514	1	6	.167	282	377	4.83
R. BOONE	84	391	.897	.436	13	65	.200	271	393	4.68
A. ROBBINS	78	350	.681	.514	29	71	.408	167	711	9.12
M. JACKSON	52	180	.397	.453	5	15	.333	92	123	2.37
**I. HARGE	31	58	.118	.492	0	0	0.000	20	154	4.97
*I. HARGE	84	314	.678	.463	0	1	0.000	104	780	9.29
**J. BEASLEY	58	82	.176	.466	8	23	.348	37	200	3.45
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R. McDONALD	33	34	.74	.459	0	2	0.000	27	74	2.24
M. BUTLER	14	11	.27	.407	3	9	.333	6	10	.71
G. STONE	8	20	.44	.455	1	4	.250	9	23	2.88
M. LEAKS	42	92	.251	.367	0	0	0.000	39	193	4.60
R. FISHER	9	15	.29	.517	0	0	0.000	1	28	3.11
B. FIELDS	22	20	.41	.408	2	7	.286	8	30	1.36

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Quick, deceptive Willie Wise (42) is the sparkplug of the Stars' fast-breaking attack.

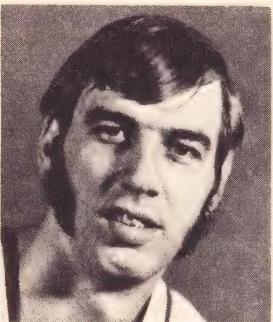


VIRGINIA SQUIRES

■ Earl Foreman, who had his indoctrination into pro basketball with the Baltimore Bullets, has turned the Virginia Squires into a successful franchise. The team originated in Oakland and was the American Basketball champion during the 1968-69 season. Foreman bought the club at the conclusion of the season and moved it to Washington, D.C., where it was a miserable flop. Then, in August 1970, Foreman took the club across the Potomac River to Virginia. The club became a regional franchise, playing in Norfolk, Richmond, Hampton Roads and Roanoke. The first season the Squires rewarded their fans by winning the Eastern Division championship. Virginia was led to the regular season crown by Charlie Scott. During the summer of 1971, the Squires signed Julius Erving off the campus of the University of Massachusetts. The two formed a great scoring punch and kept Virginia near the top of the division throughout most of the season. Then, suddenly, Scott jumped the team to Phoenix of the NBA. Only a year before Rick Barry had refused to go to Virginia and was traded to New York. This past summer Erving went to court in an attempt to void his pact with the Squires. He, too, had visions of jumping to the NBA. As long as Erving stays, Virginia will be a playoff contender.

Squires have a talented center in 6-11 Jim Eakins (42), a big man who can move like a forward.

Key Players



JIM EAKINS

C, 6-11, 215, 5th Yr., Brigham Young

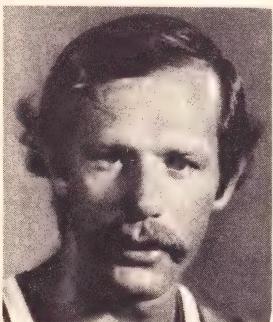
The starting center for the Squires, Eakins averaged 12.2 points and 9.6 rebounds a game. He won the starting berth two seasons ago after serving as a reserve. Eakins was a top performer at Brigham Young for three seasons before joining Oakland the year the Oaks won the ABA title (1969). Last year was the first time as a pro that Eakins failed to shoot 50 percent from the floor. He is nicknamed "Jumbo." Eakins is also considered a good defensive player.



JULIUS ERVING

F, 6-6, 200, 2nd Yr., Massachusetts

Erving is probably the best, young forward in pro basketball and is destined for superstar status for the next decade. He was signed by the Squires after his junior year at the University of Massachusetts. As a rookie, "Dr. J" averaged 27.3 points and 15.7 rebounds a game and finished second on the club in assists. He has been called a young Connie Hawkins. Erving has unbelievable body control and is already a legend in his own time in Harlem.



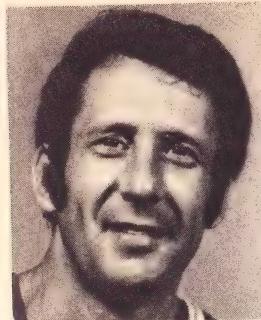
NEIL JOHNSON

F, 6-7, 220, 7th Yr., Creighton

All Johnson really needed was a chance to get in some playing time. After spending four years in the NBA, two each with New York and Phoenix, never averaging more than 5.4, Johnson came to the Squires in 1970. In his first season with Virginia, Johnson hit at a 12.7 norm, hitting 53 percent of his field goal attempts. He was on his way to another good season again in 1971-72 when he was injured in the 31st game of the season. Johnson wound up averaging 10.4 points and 9.2 rebounds.

TOP ROOKIE BILL FRANKLIN

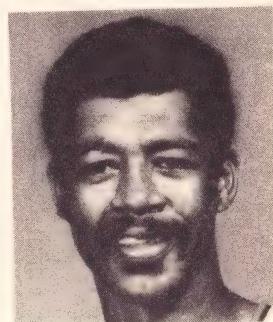
Franklin is a native of Virginia who played his college ball at Purdue where he was an All-Big 10 performer. The 6-7, 230-pound forward signed with the Squires before the end of his senior season. He'll be a good bet to play plenty at the forward opposite Julius Erving.



ADRIAN SMITH

G, 6-1, 185, 12th Yr., Kentucky

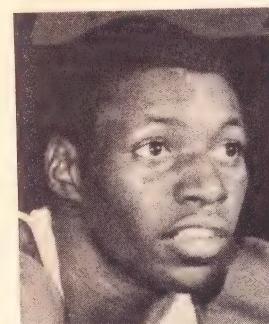
A 10-year veteran of the NBA, Smith was signed as a free agent after San Francisco of the NBA released him. He was an all-American at Kentucky and a member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic team. Smith was drafted by Cincinnati, spending eight and one-half seasons with the Royals. He was the MVP in the 1966 All Star game. Smith injured a knee in 1970 but recovered sufficiently to average five points a game for Virginia during the regular season. In the playoffs, he hit at an 11.4 norm.



ROLAND TAYLOR

G, 6-0, 175, 4th Yr., LaSalle

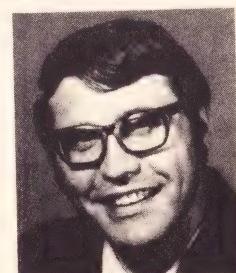
The name officially is Roland Taylor, but to almost everyone he is known as Fatty, a nickname that describes his childhood shape. After a great career at LaSalle where he was the quarterback of the team, Taylor joined the Squires and had his best season as a pro in 1971-72, averaging 9.3 points a game. A consistent performer, Taylor is extremely effective on the Virginia fast break. He has a career scoring average of better than seven points a game.



BERNIE WILLIAMS

G, 6-3, 175, 4th Yr., LaSalle

Williams was signed as a free agent by the Squires last October after spending two seasons with the San Diego Rockets in the National Basketball Association. Williams was a standout collegian at LaSalle and was the No. 2 pick of the Rockets in 1969. He averaged 8.3 and 5.2 points, respectively in his two seasons with San Diego. Williams was exceptional with Virginia, hitting at a 10.6 norm and finishing as the leading three-point percentage shooter.



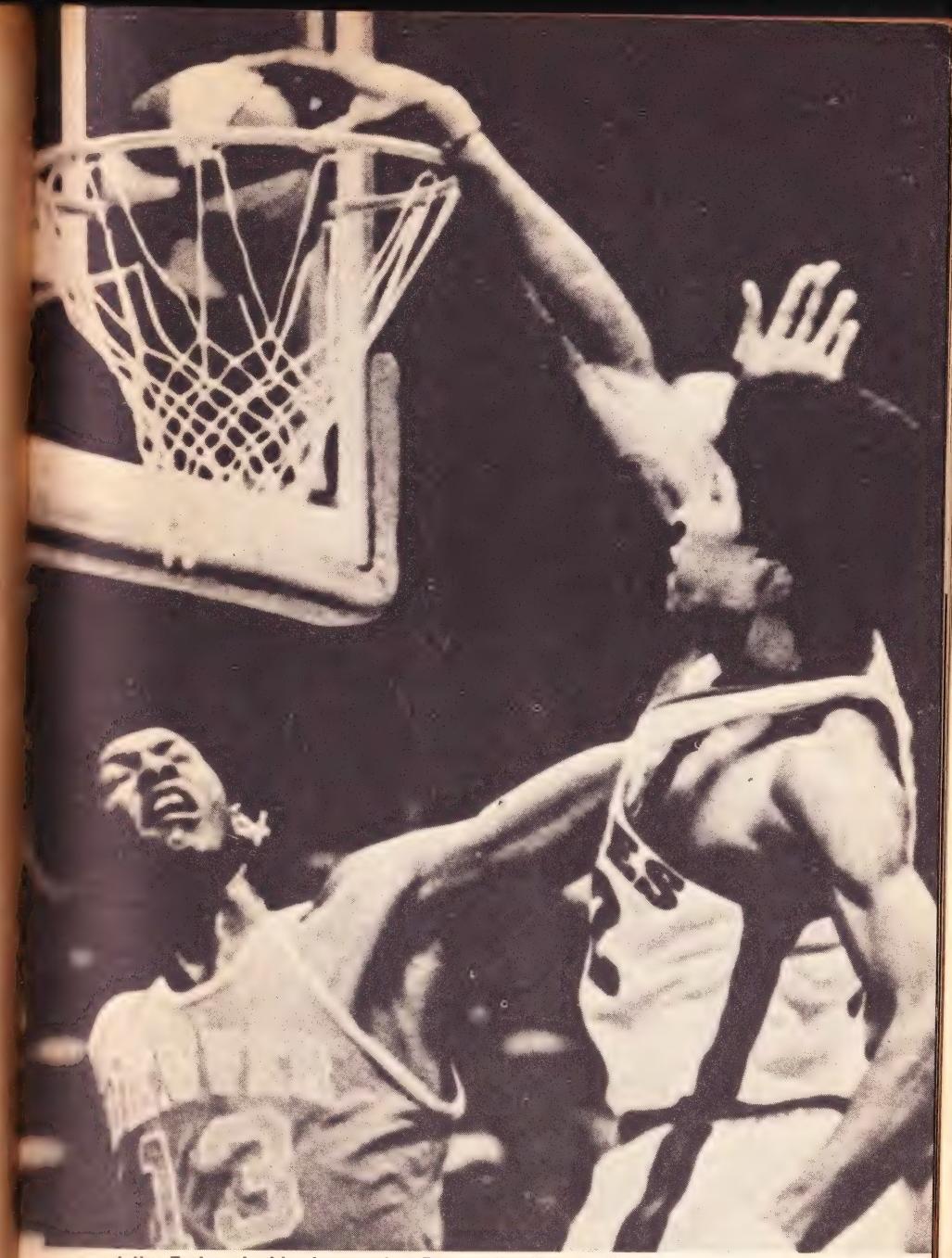
AL BIANCHI

COACH

Bianchi begins his fourth season as coach of Virginia, during which time he has guided the Squires to three straight playoff berths and an Eastern Division championship. He was a 10-year veteran in the NBA as a player with the Syracuse Nats and the Philadelphia 76ers. Bianchi also coached two campaigns with Seattle in the NBA. He also serves as the General Manager of the Squires.

VIRGINIA 1971-72 STATISTICS

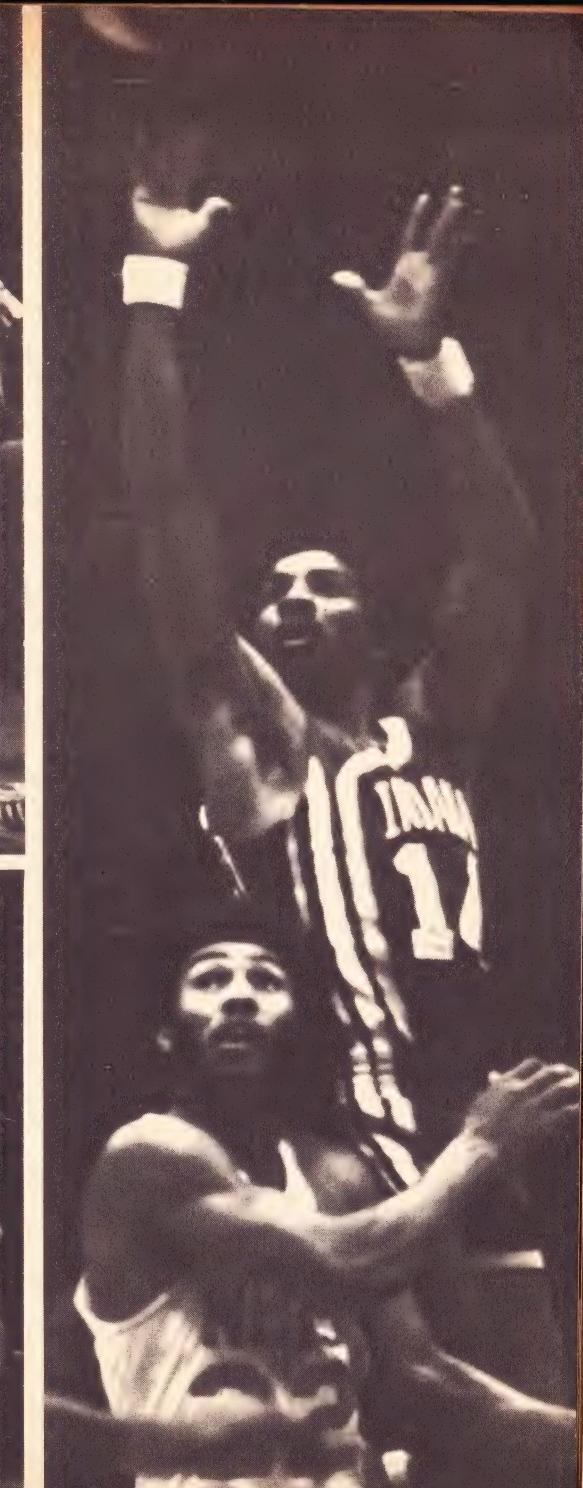
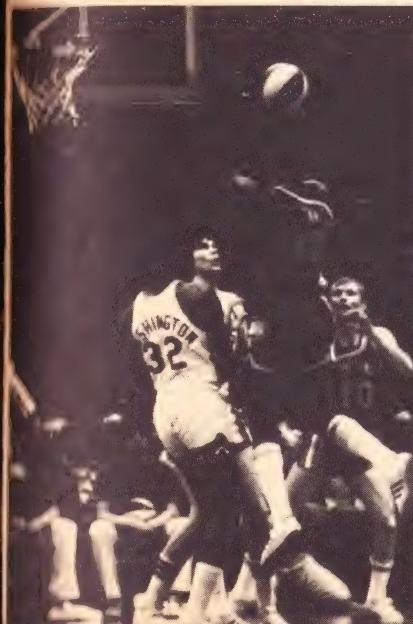
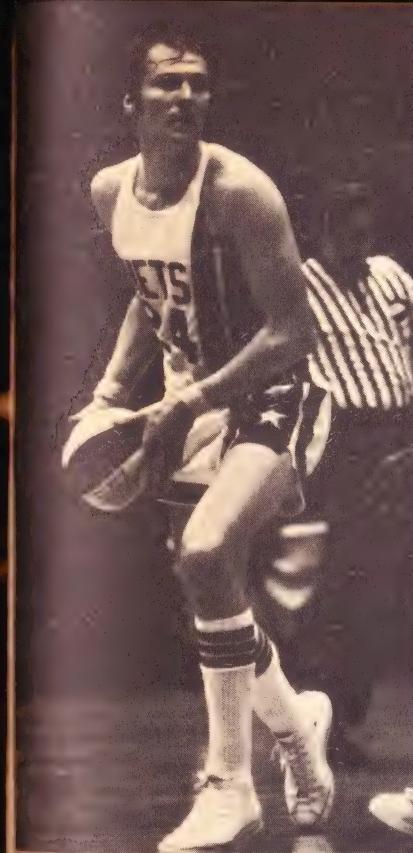
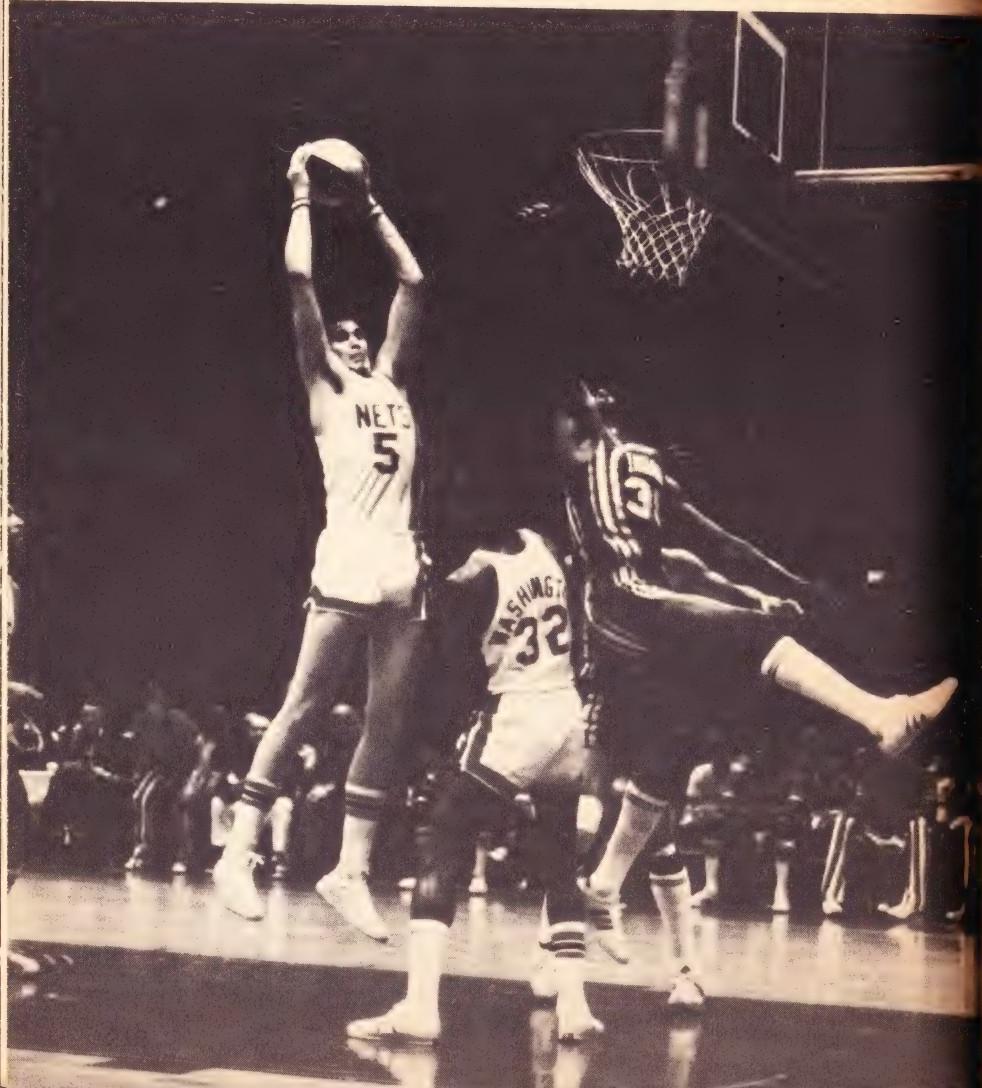
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C. SCOTT	73	956 - 2082	.459	29 - 110	.264	525	374	5.12	2524	2290	2524	34.58	
J. ERVING	84	907 - 1810	.501	3 - 16	.188	467	1319	15.70	2290	1030	1063	27.26	
J. EAKINS	84	371 - 764	.486	0 - 0	0.000	288	867	9.61	1063	322	322	12.26	
B. WILLIAMS	78	331 - 751	.441	18 - 65	.277	113	154	1.97	829	1030	1030	34.58	
N. JOHNSON	31	127 - 270	.470	1 - 3	.333	65	286	9.23	829	322	322	10.63	
ROL. TAYLOR	84	305 - 665	.459	1 - 15	.067	164	416	4.95	777	455	455	10.39	
R. SCOTT	55	161 - 389	.414	2 - 4	.500	89	252	4.58	417	417	417	7.58	
D. MOE	67	174 - 406	.429	1 - 9	.111	104	241	3.60	455	455	455	6.79	
W. SOJOURNER	84	222 - 448	.496	0 - 0	0.000	124	514	6.12	568	568	568	6.76	
G. IRVINE	75	197 - 387	.509	3 - 10	.300	54	217	2.89	457	457	457	6.09	
AD. SMITH	53	85 - 184	.462	2 - 11	.182	92	46	.87	266	266	266	5.06	
M. MALOY	7	12 - 35	.343	0 - 0	0.000	2	17	2.43	26	26	26	3.71	
B. BUNTING	16	4 - 14	.286	0 - 1	0.000	12	15	.94	20	20	20	1.26	
D. PAGETT	5	0 - 6	0.000	1 - 3	.333*	2	3	.60	5	5	5	1.00	

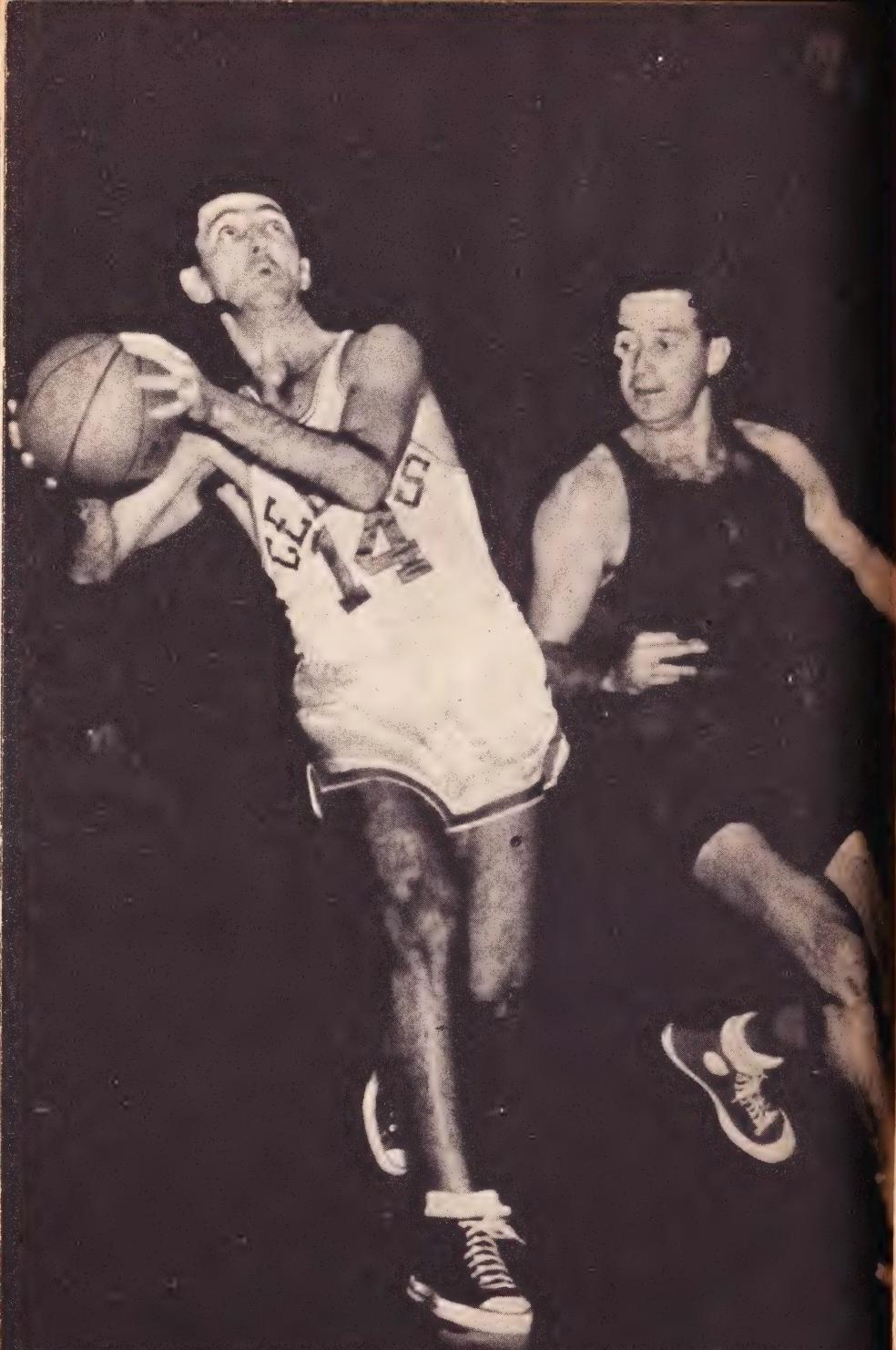


Julius Erving, dunking here against Denver, is said to be the coming super-star in the ABA.

EN ROUTE TO A TITLE

The 1971-72 ABA season almost had a Cinderella finish for the New York Nets—almost but not quite. Upset conquerors of mighty Kentucky and then favored Virginia in the elimination rounds, the Nets were beaten, four games to two, by a powerful Indiana Pacers team in the championship series. Action en route to the ABA title was fast and furious, and some of it is pictured here . . .





A pair of super-stars: Bob Cousy (left) of Celtics and Dick McGuire of Knicks.

The swift evolution of professional basketball has produced many startling changes in the game and in the men who play it. And yet there is one element that has remained constant through all eras of the sport: the super-star.

Of course the super-star of yesteryear might not be readily identifiable by today's standards but it is still a fact that each period of basketball's development has produced players of extraordinary skills, players whose legendary presence helped the game grow and gain acceptance.

In the beginning it was Nat Holman of the Original Celtics. Later it was men like George Mikan and Joe Fulks and Dolph Schayes. More recently the super-star category has included such as Bill Russell, Bob Cousy and Wilt Chamberlain. The present-day magic names are Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (nee Lew Alcindor), Jerry West and Oscar Robertson.

These players—and others like them—have possessed one common quality: the ability to excite, to dominate.

Each super-star, naturally, is shaped by his time. In Nat Holman's day, and for many years thereafter, basketball was still in the dark ages of its development. It was played at half-speed with the emphasis on contact and defense. It was not a wide-open running game and consequently scores were usually in the 20s or 30s. But, bound by the limitations of this type of game, Holman was still a great performer. He did things better than the others. He was the player who captured the fancy of the few fans the

THE NBA A SUPER- STAR FOR EVERY ERA

game had. Could Holman have excelled in the NBA today? Probably not. But this is not a fair question anyway. All that can be asked of a man is that he be the best of his own time, that he stand out above his contemporaries. There is no way comparisons can be carried across the boundary line of passing years.

When the NBA came into existence 27 years ago, basketball was not too far removed from its pioneer stage. The abandonment of the center jump after each basket was less than 10 years in the past. The fast break was just beginning to change the tempo of the game but scores were still modest, around 60 or 65 per team per game. No one at that time could possibly have foreseen the astronomical scores of today.

Again, however, the professionals who starred in that period of the sport's evolution must be judge on what they contributed to their particular eras, not on what they might have accomplished had they played in Holman's time or today.

Suffice it to say that the ability to move, to jump, to set up plays and to defend has always been present. The super players could always handle these phases of the game. But the super-scorers—well, they were unheard of until George Mikan came along...and Joe Fulks...and Paul Arizin...and others like them who suddenly and dramatically began to shoot the eyes out of the basket.

In modern times, there have been three significant eras in the NBA.

The first, for want of a better description, might be called the

pre-Danny Biasone Era—or the time before the advent of the 24-second scoring clock. Although pro basketball had made rapid strides at this point in its history, the game in the pre-clock era was slower, more deliberate, devoid of the swift action that is so common today. There was no need to shoot quickly, and thus there was often no compelling need to move quickly or fast break. A team with a comfortable lead could merely "sit on the ball," slowing down the tempo of the game until time expired. Great dribblers like Bob Davies of Rochester, Stan Stutz of the Knicks, Slater Martin of the Lakers and Bob Cousy of the Celtics often controlled the late stages of a game all by themselves. Biasone, owner of the old Syracuse Nationals, saw this slow-down as the death knell of pro basketball. And so he introduced the concept of the 24-second clock—probably the most revolutionary introduction in the history of the sport.

Overnight, professional basketball took on a new look. The action was faster, more exciting, better. New fans flocked to NBA arenas to watch the higher-scoring games. The old-fashioned stall was dead. Action was the new keyword of the NBA.

The second era in modern basketball began with the first winding of the 24-second clock in 1954. Call it the development era, if you prefer, or the Bill Russell era. It was a time for the established great players to make the transition from one kind of game to another. The entire concept of basketball had changed with the advent of the scoring clock, and the new game

demanded new skills and a new way of thinking. Standstill basketball was a thing of the past.

It was during this period that the Boston Celtics established new standards of excellence and achievement, thanks primarily to the presence of 6-10 Bill Russell.

Russell was a demon defensive player who specialized in blocking shots and clearing the boards. This gave the rest of the Celtics license to use a demoralizing full-court press defense and a wild fast break. The Boston players knew they could take chances because Russell was always there, a dominating presence under the basket, to make up for their mistakes. He was an awesome figure who intimidated rivals with his shot blocking and savage rebounding.

The third era is now.

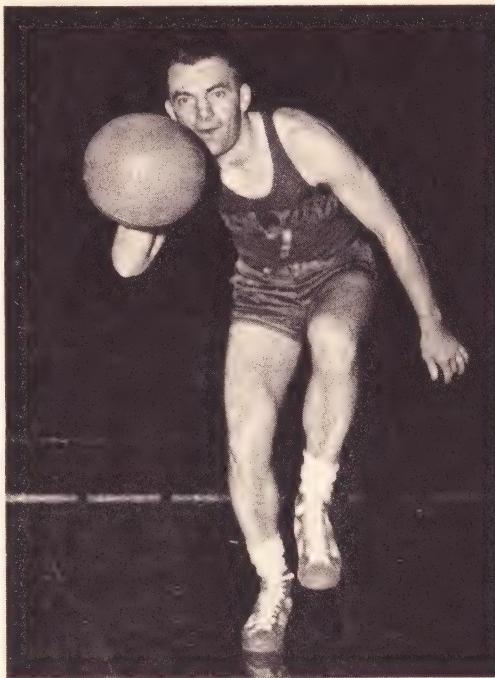
Pro basketball today is inhabited not only by the great players left over from the previous era—Chamberlain, Robertson et al—but also by a new breed of young player who does not remember when scores were below 100 points a game and who accepts the 24-second clock as a way of life. These players are bigger and faster and they live by that unstoppable weapon, the jump shot.

In each of these three phases of basketball evolution there has been one big man, a single towering influence, who dominated the sport. It was 6-10 George Mikan in the pre-clock days. He took the Minneapolis Lakers to five titles in six years, and he led the league in scoring four straight seasons with a 25-29 point per game average, unheard of in those days.

It was, of course, a vastly dif-

ferent game in Mikan's time. Without the 24-second clock, Big George could take all the time he needed to entrench himself in the pivot. The free throw lane, to which the three-second rule applied, was only six feet wide—and so Mikan could station himself close to the basket. From there he blocked shots, swept the boards clean and virtually controlled the tempo of the game.

The rules-makers finally legislated against sheer height, however, and widened the free throw lane to 16 feet, pushing the seven-foot centers further from the basket and opening up the shooting alleys



Stan Stutz, ex-Knick great, was one of game's master dribblers.

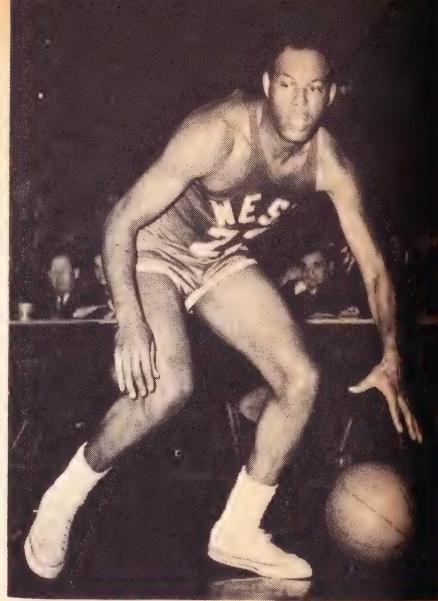
underneath the boards. No longer could a skyscraping pivotman dominate the lane. Thus Chamberlain and the others who followed in Mikan's footsteps did not enjoy the special sanctuary that was available to Big George.

Then too, the 24-second clock changed things even further. It encouraged the running game, the so-called fast break, and often the big center had insufficient time to lumber down the court and set himself up under the boards.

The first era under discussion here produced players of brilliance and ability, although most lived in Mikan's rather large shadow. Joe Fulks averaged 23.2 points a game during the league's first season, an eye-popping average for that period. Later Paul Arizin, one of the pioneers of the jump shot, established himself as a scorer of note. Max Zaslofsky and Bob Davies, two skilled backcourt men, also left their mark on the game. Dolph Schayes, the fine Syracuse player, deserves mention as a standout in this era, as do Easy Ed Macauley, Andy Phillip, Frankie Brian, Bob Ferrick, Ralph Beard, Al Cervi and Bobby Wanzer.

Some belong to the second era, too, but their styles and reputations were established in the first.

One such was Bob Cousy of the Celtics, who broke into the NBA in the second era but gained prominence as the master ballhandler and playmaker of the following era. Cousy quarterbacked the Boston fast break when the 24-second clock placed a premium on speed, quickness and ability to hit the open man in a hurry. At 6-2 and possessed of a seeming sixth



Elgin Baylor was called the "complete" basketball player. He did everything.

sense, Cousy was spectacular to watch and soon developed his own legion of fans. He was good box office at a time when the NBA needed it.

Cousy's teammate Bill Sharman, a sensational shooter, blended his talents perfectly and gave Boston the best backcourt duo in the league up to that time. Bill was also deadly at the free throw line with the then-revolutionary one-handed push shot. Everyone shoots fouls that way today, so credit Bill Sharman.

The game became so fast at this time that the big, slow-moving center became obsolete. Instead a new breed of rebounder evolved, fellows like 6-9 Bob Pettit, 6-6 Harry Gallatin of the Knicks and of course Schayes and Russell. They could all move as fast as the little men and their styles were geared to the fast break; they played race-horse basket-

ball at both ends of the floor.

As Mikan had dominated the game, so did Bill Russell emerge as the super-star of his era. He brought a new dimension to defense and in the process he led Boston to 11 championships in 13 seasons.

Of course, Russell and the Celtics did not have the stage all to themselves. George Yardley of the Pistons became the NBA's first 2,000-point scorer around this time and others like Slater Martin, Dick McGuire, Tom Heinsohn, Pettit and Macauley contributed vastly to the progress made by professional basketball.

The third era began in 1960, the year Wilt Chamberlain arrived on the scene and a year after a kid named Elgin Baylor entered the league with a variety of skills that were to make him one of the first "complete ballplayers."

Chamberlain's impact was immediate and sensational. The 7-2 center averaged 37.6 points as a rookie, 38.4 in his second season and then an amazing 50.4 a game in 1962. Oscar Robertson was averaging 30.5 and 30.8 in his first two years at Cincinnati and Jerry West was developing into the great player he is today.

Points were being scored at a rate that would boggle the minds of Holman and Mikan and the super-stars of early eras. The 24-second clock, the advent of the jump shot and an influx of big, agile athletes from the improved college game lent a new aura to professional basketball. Defense was better, too, but hardly anyone noticed it as the league's sharpshooters peppered the baskets with unerring accuracy from all over the court. Chamber-

Iain scored 100 points in a single game against the Knicks (not with jumpers, either) and Baylor, at 6-5, tossed in 71 in another game against the Knicks at old Madison Square Garden. Not long afterward, West collected 63 points in a single outing.

The game had come full cycle from the days of the center jump!

The young American Basketball Association has not had time to establish the long-standing tradition of the senior NBA but it has produced its share of outstanding performers. The Indiana Pacers have two of the league's true super-stars in Roger Brown and Mel Daniels, and Zelmo Beaty of the Utah Stars, an ex-NBAer, is as good as anybody in the game today. Dan Issel, the onetime U. of Kentucky All-American, won the ABA scoring title as a rookie with the Colonels and is on his way to certain stardom. The same can be said for 6-7 Julius Erving of the Virginia Squires, a player who could dominate the entire league in the near future. And the ABA might have the answer to the NBA's great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 7-2 Artis Gilmore, a young player of unlimited potential.

Professional basketball has always had its super-stars, its Holmans, Mikans, Russells, Chamberlains, Alcindors and now the young ABA greats—only today there are more of them, and they are bigger and faster and cockier and they can shoot from the hip with both hands. They are products of the computer age, the space age, and they have re-shaped the game. That's why pro basketball is regarded as the sport of the 1970s.

NBA KEY 1971-72 STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS
(minimum 70 games played)

	G	FG	FT	PTS	Avg.		G	FG	FT	PTS	Avg.
Jabbar, Mil	81	1159	504	2822	34.8	Hudson, Atl	77	775	349	1899	24.7
Archibald, Cin	76	734	677	2145	28.2	Wicks, Port	82	784	441	2009	24.5
Havlicek, Bos	82	897	458	2252	27.5	Cunningham, Phil	75	658	428	1744	23.3
Haywood, Sea	73	717	480	1914	26.2	Frazier, N.Y.	77	669	450	1788	23.2
Goodrich, L.A.	82	826	475	2127	25.9	White, Bos.	79	770	285	1825	23.1
Love, Chi.	79	819	399	2037	25.8	Marin, Balt.	78	690	356	1736	22.3
West, L.A.	77	735	515	1985	25.8	Walker, Chi.	78	619	481	1719	22.0
Lanier, Det.	80	834	388	2056	25.7	Mullins, War.	80	685	350	1720	21.5
Clark, Balt.	77	712	514	1938	25.2	Thurmond, War.	78	628	417	1673	21.4
Hayes, Hou.	82	832	399	2063	25.2	Russell, War.	79	689	315	1693	21.4

FIELD GOAL LEADERS
(Minimum 700 attempts)

	FG	FGA	PCT.
Chamberlain, L.A.	496	764	.649
Jabbar, Mil	1159	2019	.574
Bellamy, Atl	593	1089	.545
Snyder, Sea	496	937	.529
Lucas, N.Y.	543	1060	.512
Frazier, N.Y.	669	1307	.512
McGlocklin, Mil	374	733	.510
Walker, Chi.	619	1225	.505
Allen, Mil	441	874	.505
Hudson, Atl.	775	1540	.503

REBOUND LEADERS
(Minimum 70 games)

	G	NO.	AVG.
Chamberlain, L.A.	82	1572	19.2
Unseld, Balt.	76	1336	17.6
Jabbar, Mil	81	1346	16.6
Thurmond, War.	78	1252	16.1
Cowens, Bos.	79	1203	15.2
E. Smith, Buff.	78	1184	15.2
Hayes, Hou.	82	1197	14.6
Lee, War.	78	1132	14.5
Lanier, Det.	80	1132	14.2
Bridges, Phil.	78	1051	13.5

FREE THROW LEADERS
(Minimum 350 attempts)

	FT	FTA	PCT.
Marin, Balt.	356	398	.894
Murphy, Hou.	349	392	.890
Goodrich, L.A.	475	559	.850
Walker, Chi.	481	568	.847
Van Arsdale, Phoe.	529	626	.845
Lantz, Hou.	387	462	.838
Havlicek, Bos.	458	549	.834
Russell, War.	315	378	.833
McKenzie, Port.	315	379	.831
Walker, Det.	397	480	.827

ASSISTS LEADERS
(Minimum 70 games)

	G	NO.	AVG.
West, L.A.	77	747	9.7
Wilkins, Sea.	80	766	9.6
Archibald, Cin.	76	701	9.2
Clark, Balt.	77	613	8.0
Havlicek, Bos.	82	614	7.5
Van Lier, Chi.	79	542	6.9
Cunningham, Phil.	75	443	5.9
Mullins, War.	80	471	5.9
Frazier, N.Y.	77	446	5.8
Hazzard, Buff.	72	406	5.6

ABA KEY 1971-72 STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS
(Minimum 1000 Points)

No.	Player	Club	GP	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
1.	C. Scott, Virginia	73	956	525	2524	34.58	
2.	R. Barry, New York	80	829	641	2518	31.47	
3.	D. Issel, Kentucky	83	969	591	2538	30.58	
4.	J. Brisker, Pittsburgh	49	520	248	1417	28.92	
5.	R. Simpson, Denver	84	917	457	2300	27.38	
6.	J. Erving, Virginia	84	907	467	2290	27.26	
7.	G. Thompson, Pittsburgh	70	655	455	1888	26.97	
8.	J. McDaniels, Carolina	58	659	234	1552	26.76	
9.	D. Freeman, Dallas	72	626	475	1733	24.07	
10.	A. Gilmore, Kentucky	84	806	391	2003	23.85	

3-PT FIELD GOALS
(Minimum 40 Made)

No.	Player	Club	Made	Att.	Pct.	No.	Player	Club	GP	No.	Avg.
1.	G. Combs, Utah	103	254	.406	1.	B. Melchionni, New York	80	669	8.362		
2.	J. Dampier, Kentucky	34	233	.361	2.	G. Lehmann, Memphis	53	411	7.733		
3.	W. Jabali, Floridians	102	285	.358	3.	L. Brown, Denver	76	549	7.224		
4.	G. Lehmann, Memphis	71	199	.357	4.	J. Jones, Utah	78	485	6.218		
5.	J. Hamilton, Dallas	46	132	.348	5.	L. Dampier, Kentucky	83	515	6.205		

INDIVIDUAL REBOUNDING LEADERS
(Minimum 700 Rebounds)

No.	Player	Club	GP	Rebounds	Avg.
1.	A. Gilmore, Kentucky	.....	84	1491	17.75
2.	M. Daniels, Indiana	.....	79	1297	16.42
3.	J. Erving, Virginia	.....	84	1319	15.70
4.	G. Govan, Memphis	.....	83	1182	14.24
5.	J. McDaniels, Carolina	.....	58	814	14.03
6.	Z. Beaty, Utah	.....	84	1110	13.21
7.	B. Paultz, New York	.....	83	1035	12.47
8.	M. Lewis, Pittsburgh	.....	82	996	12.15
9.	J. Keye, Denver	.....	84	982	11.69
10.	D. Issel, Kentucky	.....	83	931	11.22

NBA RECORDS, 1971-72

FORTY-ONE NBA MARKS SET

Wilt Chamberlain, who led Los Angeles to its first National Basketball Association championship in 1971-72, also established 14 NBA records in the Lakers' banner season.

In all, 41 NBA records were broken in regular season, playoffs and the All-Star Game. Three other records were tied.

Official statistics compiled by the Elias Sports Bureau and released by NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy revealed that the Lakers surpassed 11 regular season records. Moreover, Jerry West, the Lakers' All-Star guard, set four individual records while at the same time won the NBA assists average championship for the first time in his 12-year career.

Most games, career—1,084, Hal Greer, Philadelphia.

Most minutes played, career—44,319, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most field goals made, career—12,255, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most field goals attempted, career—22,933, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Highest field goal percentage, career (2000 FGM minimum)—.557, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Milwaukee (3160 of 5672).

Most seasons leading NBA, field goal percentage—8, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most free throws made, career—7,244, Oscar Robertson, Milwaukee.

Most free throws attempted, career—11,403, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most rebounds, career—22,298, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most seasons leading NBA, rebounds—10, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most assists, career—8,890, Oscar Robertson, Milwaukee.

Most personal fouls, career—3,772, Hal Greer, Philadelphia.

Most points, career—30,335, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Highest scoring average, career (400 games minimum)—31.5, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles (963 games, 30,335 points).

Most consecutive games, career, no disqualifications—963, Wilt Chamberlain, Los Angeles.

Most games won, season—69, Los Angeles, 1971-72.

Most home games won, season—36, Los Angeles, 1971-72.

Most road games won, season—31, Los Angeles, 1971-72.

Highest percentage games won, season—.841, Los Angeles, 1971-72 (69-13).

PRO BASKETBALL UP-DATE

In an effort to bring its readers up to date as much as possible, The Illustrated Digest of Pro Basketball offers this brief summary of trades and various other developments that took place after this book went to press.

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ATLANTA: On Sept. 25, the Atlanta Hawks filed an anti-trust suit against NBA Commissioner Kennedy and the 16 other teams. The suit came following a ruling by the NBA Board of Governors that Erving belonged to Milwaukee. At the same time, Kennedy fined Atlanta \$25,000 because the Hawks allowed Erving to play in exhibition games. Erving had originally filed suit against Virginia, claiming a conflict of interest by his agent.

BALTIMORE: Archie Clark demanded \$375,000 and sat out the exhibition season as the Bullets looked great without him.

BUFFALO: Bill Hosket failed to report to training camp. Walt Hazzard changed his name to Abdul Rahman.

CHICAGO: Released Ted Martinuk.

CLEVELAND: Traded Butch Beard to Seattle for Lenny Wilkens and Barry Clemens. At press time, Wilkens had refused to report and wanted to be traded to another team. The Cavs acquired Jim Clemons from Los Angeles and rookie Steve Hawes from Houston.

GOLDEN STATE: Rick Barry announced that under no circumstances would he return to Golden State and honor the contract he signed with the Warriors in 1969. Barry said that he would sit out the season rather than play, and he wants to stay in New York. Bill Chamberlain went to San Diego of the ABA where he was cut.

HOUSTON: Sent John Gianelli to New York and Steve Hawes to Cleveland. Sold Dick Cunningham to Milwaukee. Acquired Don Smith from Seattle.

KANSAS CITY-OMAHA: Traded Jim Fox to Seattle for Pete Cross and Don Kojis.

LOS ANGELES: Wilt Chamberlain was a holdout during training camp, as he tried to renegotiate his contract.

MILWAUKEE: Released Barry Nelson. Acquired Dick Cunningham from Houston.

NEW YORK: Purchased John Gianelli from Houston. Cut Luther Rackley and Charlie Pault.

PHILADELPHIA: Bob Rule was a holdout during training camp. Luke Jackson was released. Gary Gregor and Manny Leaks signed as free agents.

PHOENIX: Gus Johnson, acquired from the Baltimore Bullets, announced that his damaged knees have responded to treatment and therapy.

PORTLAND: Charlie Yelverton was cut.

SEATTLE: Sold Don Smith to Houston. Traded Lenny Wilkens and Barry Clemens to Cleveland for Butch Beard. Traded Don Kojis and Pete Cross to KC-Omaha for Jim Fox.

AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CAROLINA: Signed Luke Jackson after Philadelphia of NBA released him. Suspended David Brent during training camp. Sold Wayne Hightower to Denver.

DALLAS: It was reported by wire services that Dallas had allowed John Brisker to buy up his own contract and had traded Donnie Freeman to Indiana. Marv Winkler, acquired from Indiana, was cut.

DENVER: Acquired Wayne Hightower from Carolina.

INDIANA: John Barnhill retired to become an Assistant Coach with the Los Angeles Lakers of the NBA. Sent Marv Winkler to Dallas to complete the Donnie Freeman deal. Cut Joe Cooke, Oscar Evans and Jolly Speight.

KENTUCKY: All-league forward Dan Issel was reported to be talking with officials of the Detroit Pistons of the NBA. Darrel Carrier retired. Cincy Powell traded to Utah. Andrew and Ernest Pettes cut.

MEMPHIS: Waived George Lehmann. George Thompson and Gerald Govan were late reporting to training camp. Acquired Charlie Williams.

NEW YORK: Acquired Art Becker from San Diego. Tom Washington was a holdout during training camp.

SAN DIEGO: Cut Sonny Dove, Greg Howard, Les Hunter, Don Sidle, George Johnson and Bill Chamberlain. Sent Charlie Williams to Memphis for rights to Henry Bacon. The Conquistadors to play their home games in a 4,000 seat gym.

UTAH: Cut Cliff Anderson.

VIRGINIA: Continued its battle to retain Julius Erving.

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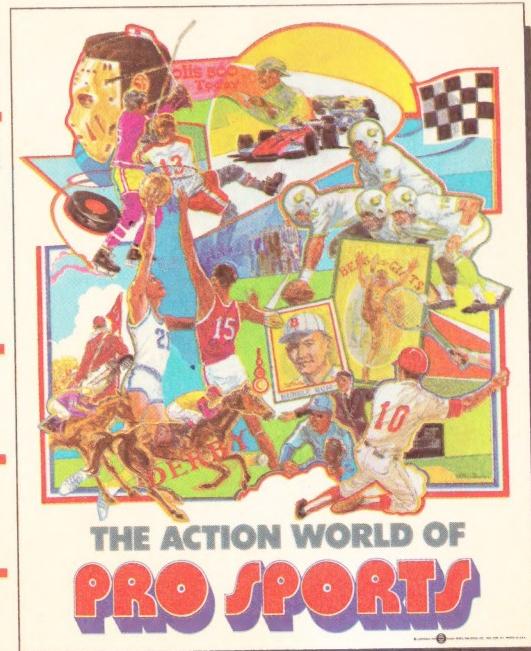
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